

Date: June 23, 2006

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: NRC Form 770, Application for NRC Graduate Fellowship Program, 3150-xxxx (Final OCP)

Current Burden/Responses: None. This is a new collection.

Proposed Burden/Responses: 240 hours/30 responses

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Number of Respondents: 30

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:

This is a new information collection, therefore there is no change in burden.

The NRC consulted with professional staff at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) to determine the information to be completed on the application form, the material to be included in the application package, and an estimate of the time required to prepare the form. The Graduate Fellowship Program application package consists of three references sent directly from the references to ORISE. In addition, the package contains the candidate's completed Graduate Fellowship Program Application Form, official Graduate Record Examination scores (sent by the Educational Testing Service to ORISE), and transcript(s) sent to ORISE by the institution (one for each institution attended). Based on the information which must be compiled and provided by the candidate to ORISE for this program, NRC estimates it will take approximately 8 hours for candidates to complete each application package, and 30 applications are expected to be received annually. Therefore, the total estimated burden is 240 hours (8 hours x 30 forms) and the estimated annual cost is \$21,120 (240 hours x \$88/hour).

NRC is using a rate of \$88 per hour to determine the cost of this collection, which is an unloaded hourly rate the agency uses to estimate internal costs for regulatory analyses. It was chosen instead of the NRC's professional fee rate because NRC believes it is representative of most applicants to this program, who are not as experienced as current NRC employees. The current NRC professional fee rate (currently \$205 per hour) was not used in this calculation since the fully-loaded fee rate is more representative of the cost incurred by a technical expert in a large organization who is performing reactor, materials, or waste work.

Level of Concurrence: Associate Director
Human Resources Training and Development
Office of Human Resources

Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records Rule:
N/A.

Search for Duplication of Information:

There is no duplication of requirements. NRC has in place an on-going program to

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examine all information collections with the goal of eliminating all duplication and/or unnecessary information collections.

Abstract: Information requested on NRC Form 770 and in the application package is used to determine the qualifications of applicants for participation in the Graduate Fellowship Program which results in employment with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The information requested on the form includes social security number, education, employment history, and references. In addition to the form, the application package also requests the candidate's official Graduate Record Examination scores, transcripts, and three references. The completed package may be used to examine, rate and/or assess the prospective employee's qualifications. The information regarding the qualifications of applicants for employment is reviewed by professional personnel acting under contract to the NRC and/or by NRC staff.

cc: B. St. Mary