December 28, 2009

FINAL SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: 10 CFR Part 71, Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material

Current Burden/Responses: 42,896 hours/850 responses (600 + 250 recordkeepers)

Proposed Burden/Responses: 59,782 hours/912 responses (661 reporting + one 3rd party reporting + 250 recordkeepers)

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Number of Respondents: 250

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses: NRC attributes the increase in burden to a larger number of radioactive material shipments. The NRC reviewed data from the past 4 years and updated all estimates for Part 71, based on number of licensees and responses received. The overall burden increased by 16,885 hours from 42,896 to 59,781 hours. Similarly, the reporting burden increased by 16,903 hours from 37,304 to 54,207 hours, while the recordkeeping burden decreased slightly from 5,592 to 5,573 hours. The total number of responses has increased by 366, from 850 to 910 responses due to a larger number of radioactive material shipments.

Level of Concurrence: Director, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation NMSS

Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records/Rule: Contrary to the OMB guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d), Sections 71.91 and 71.135 require the licensee, certificate holder, and applicant for a CoC to retain shipment and quality assurance records for 3 years after the shipment has taken place and engaged in the activity covered by the quality assurance program, respectively. These records are needed to be able to demonstrate and permit a determination at any time during the life of the package, and after any accident involving the package, that the package has been designed, fabricated, tested, procured, used, maintained, repaired, and modified in accordance with the approved package design and quality assurance program.

Abstract:
NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 71 establish requirements for packing, preparation for shipment, and transportation of licensed material, and prescribe procedures, standards, and requirements for approval by NRC of packaging and shipping procedures for fissile material and for quantities of licensed material in excess of Type A quantities.

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