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Therefore, neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment is required for this final rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collections requirements were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget TOMB? at the proposed rule stage. At that time, OMB denied approval of these collections. OMB believed that rather than promulgating an NRC regulation, NRC should forward those provisions appropriate for inclusion in the Federal Acquisition Regulation % FAR% to the FAR Councils for consideration in accordance with FAR 1.304(c). They further requested that publication relating to Conflict of Interest Policies Applicable to Consultants await implementation in the FAR. It is the agency's position that since we are required by law to have separate procurement regulations implementing the FAR and these provisions only apply to special circumstances of the NRC, they would be inappropriate for inclusion in the FAR for government wide usage. In addition, in accordance with Sec. 8, Pub. L. 95-601, adding Sec. 170A to Pub. L. 83-703, 68 Stat. 919, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2210a) NRC's organizational conflicts of interest takes precedence over the FAR 9.5, "Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest." However, where non-conflicting guidance appears in FAR 9.5, that guidance shall be followed. With these considerations, NRC is therefore requesting OMB approval of the information collection requirements at the final rule stage.

This final rule amends information collection requirements that are subject to the paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

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This rule has been submitted to OMB for review and approval of the paperwork requirements. The information collections will not become effective until after they are approved by OMB. Notice of OMB approval will be published in the Federal Register.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (MNBB-7714), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-3019, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Regulatory Flexibility Certification

As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the Commission certifies that this rule does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The final rule establishes the procedures and requirements necessary to implements and supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) which will govern the acquisition of goods and services by the NRC. To the extent that the final rule effects a small entity, it sets out provisions applicable to small business and to small, disadvantaged business concerns.