

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2021-0102]

Information Collection: NRC Form 655, "EEO Counselor's Report"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, NRC Form 655, "EEO Counselor's Report."

DATES: Submit comments by **June 27, 2022**. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David C. Cullison, NRC Clearance Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2021-0102** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2021-0102**.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML22123A152. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML22123A145.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC's PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **NRC's Clearance Officer:** A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC's Clearance Officer, David C. Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; email: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

B. Submitting Comments

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The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <https://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the OMB, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a proposed collection of information to OMB for review entitled NRC Form 655, "EEO Counselor's Report." The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a *Federal Register* notice with a 60-day comment period on

this information collection on February 11, 2022, 87 FR 8058.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 655, "EEO Counselor's Report."

2. *OMB approval number:* An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.

3. *Type of submission:* New.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 655.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On occasion.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Aggrieved persons who believe they have been discriminated against in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 30.

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9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 30 hours.

10. *Abstract:* As set forth under 29 CFR 1614, the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaint process prescribes that when an aggrieved individual believes that they have been discriminated against on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity and expressions, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, genetic information (including family medical history), marital status, parental status, political affiliation, military service, and reprisal and seeks EEO counseling, the assigned EEO Counselor will conduct the pre-complaint (Informal) with the intentions of resolving the complaint within the Agency. At the conclusion of pre-complaint (Informal) process and if resolution was unsuccessful, the EEO Counselor during the final interview with the aggrieved person must discuss what

occurred during the counseling process and provide the aggrieved with information to move the matter forward. Pursuant to 29 CFR § 1614.105(c), if the aggrieved individual decides to file a Formal complaint (i.e., NRC Form 646), the EEO Counselor must submit a written report (i.e., EEO Counselors Report) within fifteen (15) calendar days to the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights Director or designated official that will contain relevant information about the aggrieved individual, jurisdiction, claims, bases, Responding Management Officials, witnesses, requested remedies, and the EEO Counselor's checklist. The NRC Form 655, "EEO Counselor's Report" is completed by an EEO Counselor during this consultation, which must be conducted within 45 days of the date of the matter alleged to be discriminatory or, in the case of personnel action, within 45 days of the effective date of the action. Once the form is completed, an authorized NRC representative will place the completed NRC Form 646 in a secure folder created specifically for the aggrieved individual within an automated tracking system.

Dated: May 24, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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