

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2022-0170]

**Information Collection: Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for
Information**

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 request for renewal of an existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, "Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information."

DATES: Submit comments by **August 24, 2023**. 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 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-2022-0170** 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-2022-0170**.

- **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. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML23159A048.

- **NRC's PDR:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. 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 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (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

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.

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 request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, "Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information." 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 March 8, 2023, 88 FR 14399.

1. *The title of the information collection:* Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information.
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0245.
3. *Type of submission:* Extension.
4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not Applicable.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On occasion.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Federally recognized Indian Tribes.
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 32.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 637.
9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the*

information collection requirement or request: 5,120 (15,360 hours over the course of the three-year clearance period (32 responses per request × 20 requests per year × 8 hours per response × 3 years = 15,360 hours).

10. *Abstract:* NRC actions and NRC regulated activities may affect Indian Tribes and their current or ancestral Tribal lands. On January 9, 2017, the NRC published a Tribal Policy Statement (82 FR 2402). In its Tribal Policy Statement, the NRC indicated that it recognizes the Federal Trust Relationship with Indian Tribes and will uphold its Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes. In its policy statement, the NRC stated that it recognizes and is committed to a government-to-government relationship with Indian Tribes. The NRC also indicated that it would engage in timely consultations with Indian Tribes. The NRC is requesting OMB approval of a plan for a generic collection of information. The need and practicality of the collection can be evaluated, but the details of the specific individual collections will not be known until a later time. The information collected will include voluntary requests for information that would allow the NRC to

more effectively involve Indian Tribes in the NRC's regulatory activities and to enable the NRC to plan the NRC's Tribal outreach and consultation activities.

Dated: July 20, 2023.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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David C. Cullison,
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Office of the Chief Information Officer.