

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2024-0075]

Information Collection: Tribal Participation in the Advance Notification Program

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, "Tribal Participation in the Advance Notification Program."

DATES: Submit comments by December 16, 2024. 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: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject); however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal rulemaking website:**

- **Federal rulemaking website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2024-0075**. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T-6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2024-0075** 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-2024-0075**. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID **NRC-2024-0075** on this website.

- **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, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the “Availability of Documents” section.

- **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 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

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal rulemaking website** (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID **NRC-2024-0075**, in your comment submission.

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 NRC, 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

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* Tribal Participation in the Advance Notification Program.

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0250.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Information would be requested: (1) every five years, (2) after an Indian Tribe achieves Federal recognition, (3) when a transportation route is NRC-approved that passes within or across an Indian Tribe's reservation boundaries, and (4) when there are changes. Information is requested from those Indian Tribes seeking to receive advance notifications. Some information is requested one time.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Federally recognized Indian Tribes. Only those Federally recognized Indian Tribes with reservations and either receiving or seeking to receive the advance notifications would be asked to respond to the specific information request.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 20 (7 reporting responses + 13 recordkeepers).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 13.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 37.5 hours (21 reporting + 16.5 recordkeeping).

10. *Abstract:* In order to receive notification of certain shipments of irradiated

reactor fuel and/or nuclear waste within or across the boundary of an Indian Tribe's reservation, Tribes shall affirmatively opt into the advance notification program. Because the notification may contain Safeguards Information (SGI), the Tribal official will submit certification that the Tribal official or their designee(s) has completed NRC-provided training on the handling of SGI and has the necessary protection measures in place for implementation. The Tribal official will provide contact information for the designee(s) and emergency response contact(s). The Tribal official will also provide confirmation of the reservation boundaries or the necessary corrections to a map provided by the NRC. The NRC makes this information available to others, including NRC and Agreement State licensees. NRC licensees will use the information to comply with the NRC's regulations that require them to provide advance notice of certain shipments of radioactive material to participating Tribes. Agreement State licensees may use the information to comply with the compatible Agreement State regulations.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility? Please explain your answer.
2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate? Please explain your answer.
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

IV. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS.

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Five-year Notification Letter Template for Tribal Participation in the Advance Notification Program	ML24170A429
Acknowledgment Letter Template for Tribal Participation in the Advance Notification Program	ML24170A430
NUREG/BR-0362 "Protection of Safeguards Information: Requirements for Tribes Participating in the Advance Notification of Irradiated Reactor Fuel Shipments"	ML12283A116
Safeguards Information (SGI) Awareness Training	ML16083A340
Draft Supporting Statement	ML24170A431

Dated: October 11, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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