

DRAFT SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR
NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
IMPORTANCE OF GIVING THE NRC ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENT TO
PURSUE LICENSE RENEWAL

(3150-0263)

EXTENSION

Abstract

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors in order to emphasize the importance of (1) providing the NRC with advance notice of licensee plans for license renewal and (2) notifying the NRC of changes in previously announced plans for license renewal. Responses to this RIS will allow the NRC staff to better plan and budget for the reviews of applications submitted in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants."

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Need for the Collection of Information

Providing the NRC with advance notice of licensee intent to pursue license renewal allows the agency to better align its resources in anticipation of future license renewal applications. Responses to these requests will allow the NRC to plan for license renewal applications projected through the upcoming fiscal years. To improve the accuracy of resource forecasts, the NRC requests all power reactor licensees to submit advance notice if they intend to pursue license renewal, including potential plans for requesting a second renewed operating license. Due to the substantial resources that must be allocated for each application review, the NRC uses the application filing schedule information for planning and budgeting purposes.

2. Agency Use and Practical Utility of Information

The NRC intends to use the information received to begin the budgeting process for the upcoming fiscal years. The review of renewal applications involves significant NRC resources, and the number of applications and their submission dates greatly impact resource requirements. Voluntary submission of licensee plans for license renewal will assist the NRC in its budgeting and planning processes.

3. Reduction of Burden through Information Technology

There are no legal obstacles to reducing the burden associated with this information collection. The NRC encourages respondents to use information technology when it would benefit them. Electronic transmission and submittal of documents can be accomplished via the following avenues: the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE)

process, which is available from the NRC's "Electronic Submittals" Web page, by Optical Storage Media (OSM) (e.g. CD-ROM, DVD), or by e-mail. It is estimated that approximately 100% of the potential responses are filed electronically.

4. Effort to Identify Duplication and Use Similar Information

No sources of similar information are available. There is no duplication of requirements.

5. Effort to Reduce Small Business Burden

Not applicable.

6. Consequences to Federal Program or Policy Activities if the Collection Is Not Conducted or Is Conducted Less Frequently

If this information is not collected, the potential to assess the need for various resources and support capabilities, as well as enable NRC staff to efficiently and effectively plan and prepare budgets; align resources; and prepare for incoming review and inspection activities, can be significantly impeded. This has the potential to result in significant program and project scope creep, schedule slip, and budget overruns that adversely affect the mission readiness of NRC staff as well as the objectives of potential applicants for renewed licenses.

7. Circumstances That Justify Variation from Office of Management and Budget Guidelines

Not applicable.

8. Consultations Outside the NRC

Opportunity for public comment on the information collection requirements for this clearance package was published in the Federal Register.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

Not applicable.

10. Confidentiality of Information

Confidential and proprietary information is protected in accordance with NRC regulations at 10 CFR 9.17(a) and 10 CFR 2.390(b). However, no information normally considered confidential or proprietary is requested.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

Not applicable.

12. Estimated Burden and Burden Hour Cost

The burden to the public for this voluntary information collection is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collected. The staff anticipates on average eight responses (4 new + 4 updated) per year. Each new or updated submittal will require approximately 8 hours on average to prepare and submit. The total burden for this voluntary information collection is 64 hours at a cost of \$9,856 (8 hours X \$154 X 8 responses).

There are no new recordkeeping requirements imposed on these submissions; the recordkeeping burden associated with these responses is included in the clearance for 10 CFR Part 54 (3150-0155).

The NRC's average labor rate of \$154 per hour for FY 2026 was used to calculate burden costs to the public because it aligns with 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics data showing comparable hourly mean wages across five key occupational groups (executives, management, technical staff, licensing staff, and physicists) within the nuclear industry.

13. Estimate of Other Additional Costs

There are no additional costs.

14. Estimated Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

The staff has developed estimates of annualized costs to the Federal Government related to the conduct of this collection of information. These estimates are based on staff experience and subject matter expertise and include the burden needed to review, analyze, and process the collected information and any relevant operational expenses. The annual cost to the NRC including staff hours is \$1,232 (8 hours per year x \$154/hr.).

15. Reasons for Change in Burden or Cost

The estimated number of responses has increased from 4 annually to 8 annually. The burden has increased by 32 hours, from 32 hours to 64 hours. The number of operating reactor license renewal applications continues to trend upward. It is expected that notifications of intent to apply for subsequent license renewal, as well as updates to existing letters of intent, will continue to be received by the NRC.

In addition, the hourly rate used to calculate burden cost has decreased from \$290 to \$154 per hour.

16. Publication for Statistical Use

The information collected is not published for statistical use.

17. Reason for Not Displaying the Expiration Date

The expiration date is displayed.

18. Exceptions to the Certification Statement

None.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Not applicable.