

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:*

NRC Form 327—Special Nuclear Material (SNM) and Source Material (SM) Physical Inventory Summary Report;

NUREG/BR-0096—Instructions and Guidance for Completing Physical Inventory Summary Reports.

2. *Current OMB approval number:*

3150-0139.

3. *How often the collection is required:* The frequency of reporting corresponds to the frequency of required inventories, which depends essentially on the strategic significance of the SNM covered by the particular license.

Certain licensees possessing strategic SNM are required to report inventories every 2 months. Licensees possessing SNM of moderate strategic significance must report every 6 months. Licensees possessing SNM of low strategic significance must report annually.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Fuel facility licensees possessing special nuclear material.

5. *The number of annual respondents:*

10.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 98 (an average of approximately 4.25 hours per response for 23 responses).

7. *Abstract:* NRC Form 327 is submitted by fuel facility licensees to account for special nuclear material. The data is used by NRC to assess licensee material control and accounting programs and to confirm the absence of (or detect the occurrence of) special nuclear material theft or diversion. NUREG/BR-0096 provides specific guidance and instructions for completing the form in accordance with the requirements appropriate for a particular licensee.

Submit, by July 6, 1998, 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?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

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 be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of April, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). 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.

1. *Type of submission:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Current Licensing Basis," Regulatory Guides RG-1.174 through RG-1.178.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Use of the new risk-informed methodology for making changes in the licensing basis of operating plants in the areas of inservice inspection (ISI), inservice testing (IST), graded quality assurance (GQA), and technical specifications (TS), is available to all licensees but is not required. Licensees may make voluntary submittals when, and if, in their judgment, it is to their advantage to do so (for example, to improve plant safety, reduce costs, gain operating flexibility).

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Licensees of nuclear power plants may report when, and if, in their judgment, it is to their advantage to do so.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* ISI: 6, IST: 3, QA: 1, TS: 20.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* ISI: 6, IST: 3, QA: 1, TS: 20.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request (per respondent):* ISI: 6,200, IST: 5,200, QA: 4,000, TS: 1,060.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* In the specific areas of ISI, IST, GQA, and TS, a new series of Regulatory Guides provides a risk-informed method for licensees to use in requesting changes to their current licensing bases (CLB). No changes or additions have been made to any rules or regulations in conjunction with the issuance of this series of guides. The new method will be a voluntary alternative to the deterministically-based CLB change method previously used (which will remain acceptable as an alternative to the new risk-informed method).

The new risk-informed alternative method will allow licensees to concentrate on plant equipment and operations that are most critically important to plant safety so as to achieve a savings in total effort and greater operating flexibility with an insignificant change in overall safety. The guides specify the records, analyses, and documents that licensees