

Lessons learned will be used for continuous performance improvement in the presently funded S/IUCRCs. In addition, lessons about the characteristics that facilitate state-NSF partnerships will be prepared for use in future planning of state-NSF partnerships.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: 560.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 187 hours (560 respondents at 20 minutes per response).

Frequency of Responses: One time.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

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 collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Proposed rule, "Requirements for Those Who Possess Certain Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material to Provide

Requested Information" (10 CFR Part 31.5).

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

4. *How often is the collection required:* Annually, on occasion.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* General licensees who possess devices using certain quantities of specific radionuclides.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 6,000 annually for initial verification; 25 annually for extension request; 100 annually for miscellaneous one-time requests.

7. *An estimate of the number of additional hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* It will take approximately 2000 hours annually to respond to initial verification requests. The extension requests will take approximately 12½ hours annually, and the special, additional requests will take approximately 50 hours annually. The total number of additional hours needed annually to complete the requirement would be approximately 2062 hours.

8. *The average burden per response is:* General licensees—20 minutes. Extension request—30 minutes. Special requests—30 minutes.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3504(h), Pub. L. 96-511 applies:* Applicable.

10. *Abstract:* The proposed rule would add an explicit requirement to Section 31.5 that general licensees respond within 30 days to requests from the NRC, or other time specified in the request, for information concerning products that they have received for use under a general license. The NRC intends to use this provision primarily to institute a registration and accounting system for the devices containing certain quantities of specific radionuclides that present a higher risk (compared to other generally licensed devices) of exposure to the public or property if a device were lost. The proposed rule is intended to ensure that general licensees are aware of and understand the requirements for the possession of devices containing byproduct material and can account for their devices. Better awareness on the part of these licensees of their responsibilities would help to ensure that they comply with the requirements for proper handling and disposal of generally licensed devices and should help reduce the potential for incidents that could result in unnecessary radiation exposure to the public as well as contamination of property.

Submit, by January 4, 1999, 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 collection of information be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room 2120 L Street NW. (lower level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** Notice. Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking. Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by January 4, 1999: Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0016), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287]

Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its March 31, 1997, application, as supplemented February 9 and June 17, 1998, for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55, for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3,