

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: 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:* DOE/NRC Form 742, "Material Balance Report;" NUREG/BR-0007, "Instructions for Completing Material Balance Report and Physical Inventory Listing;" and DOE/NRC Form 742C, "Physical Inventory Listing."

2. *Current OMB approval number:* DOE/NRC Form 742 and NUREG/BR-0007: 3150-0004; DOE/NRC Form 742C: 3150-0058.

3. *How often the collection is required:* DOE/NRC Forms 742 and 742C are submitted semiannually following a physical inventory of nuclear materials.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Persons licensed to possess specified quantities of special nuclear or source material.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* DOE/NRC Form 742: 200 licensees; DOE/NRC Form 742C: 180 licensees.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* DOE/NRC Form 742: 300 hours; DOE/NRC Form 742C: 2,160 hours.

7. *Abstract:* Each licensee authorized to possess special nuclear material totalling more than 350 grams of contained uranium-235, uranium-233, or plutonium, or any combination thereof, and any licensee authorized to possess 1,000 kilograms of source material is required to submit DOE/NRC Form 742. Reactor licensees required to submit DOE/NRC Form 742, and facilities subject to 10 CFR Part 75, are required to submit DOE/NRC Form 742C. The information is used by NRC to fulfill its responsibilities as a participant in US/IAEA Safeguards Agreement and bilateral agreements with Australia and Canada, and to satisfy its domestic safeguards responsibilities.

Submit, by May 19, 2000, 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/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). 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 E 6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at (301) 415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJs1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Draft Supplementary Changes to Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors;" Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment and voluntary use, on a trial basis, a draft supplementary change to Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The Commission uses NUREG-1021 to provide policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of written examinations and operating tests used to determine the qualifications of individuals who apply for operator and

senior operator licenses at nuclear power plants pursuant to the Commission's regulations. NUREG-1021 provides similar guidance for verifying the continued qualifications of licensed operators when the staff determines that NRC requalification examinations are necessary.

The draft supplement includes two notable changes that the NRC staff believes will maintain safety and public confidence while reducing unnecessary burden on those facility licensees that elect to prepare their own examinations for NRC review and approval and improving efficiency and effectiveness. The first change clarifies the sampling guidelines used in preparing the written examination to ensure a truly random process for selecting the question topics and, based upon this process, eliminates the limits on the number of questions that can be repeated from prior examinations and quizzes. The second change clarifies the guidance regarding the documentation of examination quality issues in the NRC's examination reports in a manner that will establish a threshold for discussion of examination preparation deficiencies when an examination meets the NRC's target range for acceptability. Several other changes are being made to correct typographical and administrative errors in Revision 8 and address questions raised since Revision 8 was issued. The changes are identified with highlights and strikeouts for ease of review.

The draft supplement is available for review via the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>), on the NRC's Operator Licensing web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/OL/OLguidance.html>), and at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC. If you do not have electronic access to NRC documents, you may request a single copy of the draft supplement by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (Facsimile: 301-512-2289). Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREG documents are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

The draft supplement is being immediately implemented on a voluntary, trial basis. The NRC will evaluate any comments and recommendations that are received and any lessons that are learned during the trial period, incorporate any additional changes, as appropriate, and, thereafter,