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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of April 2000.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1702, Final Report]

Standard Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for the Tank Waste Remediation System Privatization Project: Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the completion and availability of NUREG-1702, Final Report, entitled "Standard Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for the Tank Waste Remediation System Privatization (TWRS-P) Project."

ADDRESSES: Copies of NUREG-1702, Final Report, may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. A copy of the document is available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. A copy is also posted on the NRC's internet web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/indexnum.html>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 19, 1999 (64 FR 13613), NRC announced the availability of draft NUREG-1702, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for the Tank Waste Remediation System Privatization (TWRS-P) Project," and requested comments on it. This draft NUREG report was the first specific guidance developed for the NRC staff to review a possible future license application for immobilizing highly radioactive waste in underground tanks at the Department of Energy (DOE) reservation in Hanford, Washington.

If NRC were to receive a license application for a TWRS-P facility, it is anticipated that the application would be reviewed under 10 CFR part 70, Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material. The NRC is currently considering revisions to 10 CFR part 70 and the associated standard review plan (SRP), draft NUREG-1520, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for a Fuel Cycle Facility," (see http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi_bin/topics). To provide facility specific guidance for the review of a license application for a TWRS-P facility, the NRC simultaneously developed NUREG-1702.

At the present time, NRC is assisting DOE in developing an effective regulatory program for proposed licensing of a TWRS-P facility. NRC and DOE interactions during this initial phase are governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed January 1997. This MOU is currently undergoing revision.

NRC staff considered all public comments received in the preparation of the final NUREG report.

The final version of NUREG-1702, is now available for use by applicants, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC staff. This "standard review plan," (SRP) provides guidance for the evaluation of health, safety, and environmental protection in a license application. Its principal purpose is to ensure quality and uniformity of staff reviews of the application and any later amendments to the license. In addition, it provides information about review acceptance criteria to interested members of the public and the regulated industry. Each SRP section addresses the regulations pertinent to specific technical matters, the acceptance criteria used by the staff, how the review is accomplished, and the conclusions that are appropriate for the Safety Evaluation Report.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Information Initiative "Collecting Information in the Information Age"

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), with help from a group of Federal agencies, is beginning an initiative to examine how agencies can collect information more effectively and efficiently. The initiative will focus on improving the quality of information agencies collect while minimizing the collection burden, particularly through the use of information technology. Eight Federal agencies are participating in the initiative: the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) of the Department of Labor, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Student Financial Assistance Agency of the Department of Education (ED), and the Small Business Administration (SBA). The initiative will begin with a public Forum on April 27, 2000. Through a series of Roundtables with stakeholders, each agency will explore ways to improve the quality of data collected, disseminate better information to the public, and reduce burden. The dates, topic and discussion questions for each Roundtable are in the Supplementary Information below. OMB is seeking written or electronic comments from members of the public on the topics and discussion questions. The procedure for submitting comments is in Dates and Addresses below. At a second Forum and in a final report, OIRA will compile the comments received, present the results of the roundtable discussions regarding specific and overall agency collection efforts, and recommend opportunities for further progress in