

concerning individual associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review**

**AGENCY:** 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).

Information pertaining to the proposed rule requirements to be submitted:

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.
2. *The title of the information collection:* Operator License Eligibility and Use of Simulation Facilities in Operator Licensing and Simulation Facility Certification.
3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 474.
4. *How often the collection is required:* One-time basis for initial simulation facility certification and quadrennially thereafter.
5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Holders of and applicants for facility power operating licenses and individual operators' licenses.
6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 70 simulation facility licensees.
7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 18.
8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the proposed rule requirement or request:* 120 hours per response for a total burden reduction of 2,160 hours.
9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.
10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 55, "Operators' Licenses," of the NRC's regulations, specifies information and data to be provided by applicants and facility licensees so that the NRC may

make determinations concerning the licensing and requalification of operators for nuclear reactors, as necessary to promote public health and safety. The proposed rule would allow applicants for reactor operator and senior reactor operator licenses to fulfill a portion of the experience prerequisites by manipulating a plant-referenced simulator as an alternative to use of the actual plant. In addition, the proposed rule would remove current requirements for certification of simulator facilities and routine submittal of simulator performance test reports to the NRC for review.

A copy of the proposed 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 should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by July 24, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0018 and 3150-0138), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of June 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for

implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1097 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Fire Protection for Operating Nuclear Power Plants." This guide is being developed to provide a comprehensive fire protection guidance document and to identify the scope and depth of fire protection that the NRC staff has determined to be acceptable for operating nuclear plants.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by August 10, 2000.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@NRC.GOV](mailto:CAG@NRC.GOV). Electronic copies of this draft guide, under Accession Number ML003711848, are available in NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room, which can also be accessed through NRC's web site, <[WWW.NRC.GOV](http://WWW.NRC.GOV)>. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. E.A. Connell at (301) 415-2838; e-mail [EAC@NRC.GOV](mailto:EAC@NRC.GOV).

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to

the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax to (301) 415-2289, or by email to <DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV>. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Charles E. Ader,**

*Director, Program Management, Policy Development & Analysis Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. SSD 99-27; ASLBP No. 00-778-06-ML]

### **GRAYSTAR, Inc.; Designation of Presiding Officer**

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission, *see* CLI-00-10, 51 NRC (June 13, 2000); *see also* 37 FR 28,710 (Dec. 29, 1972), and the Commission's regulations, *see* 10 CFR 2.1201, 2.1207, notice is hereby given that (1) A single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is designated as Presiding Officer to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing; and (2) upon making the requisite findings in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(h), the Presiding Officer will conduct an adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding: GRAYSTAR, Inc., Suite 103, 200 Valley Road, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by GrayStar, Inc. (GrayStar). The request was filed in response to a May 24, 2000 NRC staff letter denying GrayStar's April 12, 1999 application for registration of its Model GS-42 source design and the Model 1 irradiator.

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon has been appointed to assist the

Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judges Bollwerk and Shon in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of June 2000.

**G. Paul Bollwerk, III,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Suzy Barker, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on May 22, 2000 (65 FR 32133). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between April 1, 2000, and April 30, 2000, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

### **Schedule A**

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during April 2000.

### **Schedule B**

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during April 2000.

### **Schedule C**

The following Schedule C authorities were established during April 2000.

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective April 10, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service. Effective April 13, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service. Effective April 20, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective April 20, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Food and Safety Inspection Service. Effective April 28, 2000.

#### *Department of the Army (DOD)*

Assistant for Public Liaison to the Secretary of the Army. Effective April 10, 2000.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. Effective April 18, 2000.

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Service Industries and Finance, International Trade Administration. Effective April 18, 2000.

#### *Department of Defense*

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Inter-American Affairs). Effective April 6, 2000.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective April 24, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective April 28, 2000.

#### *Department of Education*

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Civil Rights. Effective April 3, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Briefing Staff. Effective April 6, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary. Effective April 14, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Briefing, Office of the Secretary. Effective April 14, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective April 20, 2000.