

the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer: National Science Foundation, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton, (703) 292-7556, or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments from Ms. Suzanne Plimpton, NSF's Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 2230, phone (703) 292-7556. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339

between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Type of Review: New.

Title: Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies.

Abstract: The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Division of Science Resources Studies (SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the information to policy makers in Congress and throughout the Government. SRS will sponsor quick response studies and focus groups on science and technology subjects, perform cognitive testing to improve survey methodology and questionnaires, and pretest questions for future surveys.

Expected Respondents: Respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and Federal agencies. Data and information collection will be by mail, Internet, World Wide Web, telephone,

visits, and/or focus groups. As the table below shows, as many as 330 institutions will be contacted. No institution will be contacted more than twice in one year. In addition, 40 members of the public may be contacted for a study of public attitudes toward science.

Information from the respondents is needed to provide policy-makers with updates of the economic, financial, employment, and education situation in the science and technology sector of industry, academia, and nonprofit organizations. The information will also help NSF improve its current data collection instruments and processes.

To minimize burden on small entities and to make sure that a high proportion of the science and technology universe is captured, most respondent selection will be designed with probability proportional to size. It is possible that during the 3 years of the survey clearance, NSF will study an issue that focuses on small entities, such as start-up high-technology companies. In this case, every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Information being collected is not considered to be sensitive. The contact letter and/or survey instrument will clearly indicate participation is voluntary and confidential.

Expected Burden:

1. Surveys of institutions		Number of institutions	Hours
Cognitive testing—Survey of Scientific & Engineering Research Facilities		50	100
Cognitive testing—Survey of R&D Funding & Performance by Nonprofit Organizations		30	60
Additional studies not specified		250	6,000
Total Institutions		330	6,160

2. Survey of persons		Number of members of the public (respondents)	Hours
Cognitive testing—Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science & Technology		40	80
Grand Total Institutions and Members of the Public		370	6,240

Frequency: Respondents in the 3 identified studies will be contacted once per year. To meet the needs of policy-makers some respondents in the quick response studies may be contacted twice in one year.

Affected Public: Industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and Federal agencies.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities".

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

4. *How often the collection is required:* As necessary in order for NRC to meet its responsibilities to conduct a detailed review of applications for licenses and amendments thereto to construct and operate nuclear power plants, preliminary or final design approvals, design certifications, research and test facilities, reprocessing plants and other utilization and production facilities, licensed pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and to monitor their activities.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Licensees and applicants for nuclear power plants and non-power reactors (research and test facilities).

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 7,907.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 175.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 4.7M (approximately 2.3M reporting hours and 2.4M recordkeeping hours); an average of 26.5K per respondent.

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

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 50 of the NRC's regulations, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," specifies technical information and data to be provided to the NRC or maintained by applicants and licensees so that the NRC may make determinations necessary to promote the health and safety of the public, in accordance with the Act. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in 10 CFR part 50 are mandatory for the affected licensees and applicants.

A copy of the final 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 October 10, 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: Amy Farrell, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0011), 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 31st day of August 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

[Docket No. 50-247]

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.; Facility Operating License No. DPR-26, Receipt of Additional Information Relating to Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that additional information has been submitted in support of a Petition dated March 14, 2000, filed by Mr. David A. Lochbaum, on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Nuclear Information & Resource Service, the PACE Law School Energy Project, and Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project (petitioners). The petitioners requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 (IP2), owned and operated by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (the licensee). The petitioners requested that the NRC issue an order to the licensee preventing the restart of IP2, or that the license for IP2 be modified to limit it to zero power, until (1) all four steam generators are replaced, (2) the steam generator tube integrity concerns identified in Dr. Joram Hopfenfeld's

differing professional opinion (DPO) and in Generic Safety Issue 163 are resolved, and (3) potassium iodide tablets are distributed to residents and businesses within the 10-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) or stockpiled in the vicinity of IP2. The original Petition was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19398). Previously, supplemental information consisting of a letter from Mr. Lochbaum dated April 14, 2000, a letter from Mr. Riccio dated April 12, 2000, and information provided at a public meeting on April 7, 2000, was acknowledged by letter dated June 26, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2000 (65 FR 43789). Subsequent to these supplemental letters, additional information and requests were received by letters dated June 12, June 29, and July 13, 2000.

As stated in the original and second **Federal Register** notices, the requests that the NRC prevent the licensee from restarting IP2 until all four steam generators are replaced and until potassium iodide tablets are distributed to people and businesses within the 10-mile EPZ or are stockpiled in the vicinity of IP2 are being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. On the basis of information provided in the June 29 supplement, the NRC staff determined that the request that IP2 not be permitted to restart until after a full-participation emergency preparedness exercise has been successfully completed meets the criteria for review under 10 CFR 2.206. As provided by Section 2.206, action will be taken on this request within a reasonable time.

In their June 12 supplement, the petitioners requested that IP2 not be allowed to restart until concerns identified in an internal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) memorandum dated May 12, 2000, are addressed. Specifically, the petitioners requested that NRC and FEMA re-evaluate the adequacy of the IP2 emergency planning drills and that a new, more realistic exercise be conducted. However, in a letter to the NRC dated June 20, 2000, FEMA clarified the positions stated in the internal FEMA memorandum, and confirmed that FEMA continues to find that there is reasonable assurance of the adequacy of offsite emergency preparedness at IP2. In addition, the NRC staff determined that the issues raised in this supplement had already been the subject of NRC staff review at IP2 and that the information provided in the supplement was not sufficient to warrant further inquiry.