

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).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.
2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards; Amended Requirements".
3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.
4. *How often the collection is required:* The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has set a frequency for conducting these activities with its attendant recordkeeping based on operating history and the need for component functionality. The frequency is dependent on the safety function of the component. The information is generally not submitted to the NRC, but is retained by the licensees to be made available to the NRC in the event of an NRC inspection. Reporting requirements consist of one-time relief requests.
5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Nuclear power plant licensees.
6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* A decrease of 488 responses for relief requests.
7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 103.
8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* A decrease of 1194 hours (a decrease in recordkeeping burden of 412 hours [4 hours/plant] and a decrease in reporting burden of 782 hours [8 hours/plant]).
9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies:* Applicable.
10. *Abstract:* The proposed rule implements the later edition and addenda of Section XI, Division 1, of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPV Code), and the ASME Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants (OM Code). NRC regulations require that nuclear power plant owners (1) construct Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 components in accordance with the rules provided in

Section III, Division 1, "Requirements for Construction of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the ASME BPV Code; (2) inspect Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class MC (metal containment) and Class CC (concrete containment) components in accordance with the rules provided in Section XI, Division 1, "Requirements for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the ASME BPV Code; and (3) test Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 pumps and valves in accordance with the rules provided in ASME OM Code.

Every 120 months licensees are required to update their inservice inspection and inservice testing programs to meet the version of Section XI of the ASME BPV Code and ASME OM Code incorporated by reference into the regulations that are in effect 12 months prior to the start of a new 120-month interval.

Submit, by August 29, 2001, 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 submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852. The proposed rule indicated in "The title of the information collection" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** Notice. The OMB clearance package and rule are available at the NRC worldwide web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html> for 60 days after the signature date of this notice and are also available at the rule forum site, <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer Bryon Allen, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0011), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503, by August 29, 2001.

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

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of July 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on August 21-23, 2001, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Portions of the meeting may be closed to public attendance to discuss General Electric (GE) Nuclear Energy proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, August 21, 2001—8:30 a.m.

until the conclusion of business

Wednesday, August 22, 2001—8:30 a.m.

until the conclusion of business

Thursday, August 23, 2001—8:30 a.m.

until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will review the: (1) License amendment request of Alliant Energy for a core power uprate for the Duane Arnold Energy Center, (2) GE Nuclear Energy TRACG realistic thermal-hydraulic code version and its application to evaluation of anticipated operational occurrences, and (3) Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) report TR-113594, "Resolution of Generic Letter 96-06 Waterhammer Issues." The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary