

proposed collection: Request for Earnings Information (LS-426). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, *E-mail* [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) (33 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), and its extensions the Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Defense Base Act. These Acts provide compensation benefits to injured workers. The Secretary of Labor is authorized, under the Act, to make rules and regulations to administer the Act and its extensions. Pursuant to the LHWCA, injured employees shall receive compensation in an amount equal to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$  per centum of their average weekly wage. Form LS-426, Request for Earnings Information is used by district offices to collect wage information from injured workers to assure payment of compensation benefits to injured workers at the proper rate. This information is needed for determination of compensation benefits in accordance with Section 10 of the LHWCA. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2006.

**II. Review Focus**

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- 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, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Actions**

The Department of Labor seeks the approval of the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to assure payment of compensation benefits to injured workers at the proper rate.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Titles:* Request for Earnings Information.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0112.

*Agency Numbers:* LS-426.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Respondents:* 1,600.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,600.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 400.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$672.00.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 5, 2006.

**Sue Blumenthal,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**Proposed Collection, Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of

information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the "CES Supplemental Form on Temporary Help, Leased, and Other Contracted Work." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before March 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey is a Federal/State program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It produces monthly estimates of employment, hours, and earnings based on U.S. nonagricultural establishment payrolls. Information for these estimates is derived from 265,000 reports (representing 135,000 UI accounts and 350,000 individual worksites), as of December 2004. Each month, these firms report their employment, payroll, and hours on forms identified as BLS-790. All of these reports are collected under a probability based sample design.

The CES Supplemental Form on Temporary Help, Leased, and Other Contracted Work will focus on the use of temporary help, leased employees, and other contracted workers in all non-farm industries. Use of these types of employees are an important leading indicator of trends in the U.S. labor market and a better understanding of hiring patterns will help quantify gains and losses in payroll employment. Data will be collected for the reference period of April 12, 2006, and will include the

comparable CES all employees figure, temporary help agency workers, leased workers, independent contractors, and other workers not classified elsewhere. The BLS plans to re-contact 100 of the 16,000 respondents to verify the quality of the responses received.

Reporting for the CES survey is voluntary under federal law, but is mandatory under state law in five States. The supplemental survey will not be using the State mandatory reporting authority.

The BLS may conduct additional supplemental surveys in the future, depending on the availability of resources and the significance of the topic. The BLS is requesting approval for collection through December 31, 2006.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget Clearance is being sought for the CES Supplemental Form on Temporary Help, Leased, and Other Contracted Work.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The BLS is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* CES Supplemental Form on Temporary Help, Leased, and Other Contracted Work.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-NEW.  
*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Small businesses or organizations.

Form	Number of respondents	Minutes per report	Frequency of response	Annual responses	Annual burden hours
Supplemental Form on Temporary Help, Leased, and Other Contracted Work .....	16,000	20	1	16,000	5,333
Response Analysis interviews .....	100	120	1	100	200
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>16,100</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>16,100</b>	<b>5,533</b>

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of January 2006.

**Kimberley Hill,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee), for operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) located in Windham County, Vermont.

The proposed amendment would change the VYNPS operating license to increase the maximum authorized power level from 1593 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 1912 MWt. This change represents an increase of approximately 20 percent above the current maximum authorized power level. The proposed extended power uprate (EPU) amendment would also change the VYNPS Technical Specifications (TSs) to provide for implementing uprated power operation.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), § 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any

accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The NRC staff's analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration is presented below:

**First Standard**

Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

*Response:* No.

As discussed in the licensee's application dated September 10, 2003, the VYNPS EPU analyses, which were performed at or above EPU conditions, included a review and evaluation of the structures, systems, and components (SSCs) that could be affected by the proposed change. The licensee reviewed plant modifications and revised operating parameters, including operator actions, to confirm acceptable performance of plant SSCs under EPU conditions. On this basis, the licensee concluded that there is no increase in the probability of accidents previously evaluated.

Further, as also discussed in the licensee's application, while not being submitted as a risk-informed licensing action, the proposed amendment was evaluated by the licensee from a risk perspective. Using the NRC guidelines established in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.174, and the calculated results from

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-271]

**Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-28, issued to Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and