

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 770, Application for the NRC Graduate Fellowship Program.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-XXXX.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion. NRC Form 770 must be submitted by an applicant to the NRC Graduate Fellowship Program so that their qualifications and credentials can be assessed.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Any applicant for the NRC Graduate Fellowship Program.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 30 respondents.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 240 hours (8 hours per response).

7. *Abstract:* Information requested on NRC Form 770 and in the application package is used to determine the qualifications of applicants for participation in the Graduate Fellowship Program which results in employment with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The information requested on the form includes social security number, education, employment history, and references. In addition to the form, the application package also requests the candidate's official Graduate Record Examination scores (sent by the Educational Testing Service to ORISE), official transcripts, and three references. The completed package may be used to examine, rate and/or assess the prospective employee's qualifications. The information regarding the qualifications of applicants for employment is reviewed by professional personnel acting under contract to the NRC and/or by NRC staff.

Submit, by April 18, 2006, 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 draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/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 about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-5 F53, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of February 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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[Docket No. 030-0500]

Notice of Environmental Assessment Related to the Issuance of a License Amendment to Byproduct Material License No. 22-04589-01, for Unrestricted Release of a Former Facility for the Minnesota Department of Health, Minneapolis, MN

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to NRC Byproduct Materials License No. 22-04589-01, which is held by the Minnesota Department of Health (licensee). The amendment would authorize the unrestricted release of the licensee's former facility, located at 717 Delaware Street, SE., Minneapolis, Minnesota. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the Environmental Assessment, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate. The amendment to the Minnesota Department of Health's license will be issued following the publication of this Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

I. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Minnesota Department of Health's request to amend its license and release the licensee's former facility for unrestricted use in accordance with 10 CFR part 20, subpart E. The proposed action is in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health's request to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to amend its NRC Byproduct Material License by letters dated December 29, 2005 (ADAMS Accession No. ML060170707), and February 1, 2006 (ADAMS Accession No. ML060330301). The Minnesota Department of Health was first licensed to use byproduct materials at its 717 Delaware Street, SE. facility on November 12, 1971. The licensee is authorized to use byproduct materials for activities involving instrument calibration and standardization, in-vitro laboratory research, and analysis of environmental samples. The licensee is or was previously authorized to possess and use microcurie or millicurie quantities of numerous byproduct materials, including hydrogen-3, carbon-14, nickel-63, strontium-90, cesium-137, europium-154, and radium-228, as well as nanocurie quantities of the source material thorium-230. In November 2005, the Minnesota Department of Public Health moved out of the facilities located at 717 Delaware Street, SE.

The licensee conducted surveys of the facility and provided this information to the NRC to demonstrate that the