

*Number of Annual Responses:* 83.  
*Estimated Time Per Respondent:*  
approximately 10 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 855.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$50,791.

*Description:* Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* (ERISA), the Department of Labor (Department) has responsibility to administer the reporting, disclosure, fiduciary and other standards for pension and welfare benefit plans. In 1976, the Department issued ERISA Procedure 76-1, Procedure for ERISA Advisory Opinions (ERISA Procedure), in order to establish a public process for requesting guidance from the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) on the application of ERISA to particular circumstances. The ERISA Procedure sets forth specific administrative procedures for requesting either an advisory opinion or an information letter and describes the types of questions that may be submitted. As part of the ERISA Procedure, requesters are instructed to provide information to EBSA concerning the circumstances governing their request. EBSA relies on the information provided by the requester to analyze the issue presented and provide guidance. The ERISA Procedure has been in use since 1976, and the Department has issued hundreds of advisory opinions and information letters under its rules.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (06-018)]

### **Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** Friday, April 7, 2006, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300

E. Street, SW, Room 7H45, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John D. Marinaro, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel Executive Director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-0914.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel will hold its Quarterly Meeting. This discussion is pursuant to carrying out its statutory duties for which the Panel reviews, identifies, evaluates, and advises on those program activities, systems, procedures, and management activities that can contribute to program risk. Priority is given to those programs that involve the safety of human flight. The major subjects covered will be NASA organizational areas of interest as they relate to safety. The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room (40).

Seating will be on a first-come basis. Please contact Ms. Susan Burch on (202) 358-0914 at least 24 hours in advance to reserve a seat. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register and asked to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID before receiving an access badge. Foreign Nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; Green card/visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, phone); and title/position of visitor. To expedite admittance, attendees can provide identifying information in advance by contacting Ms. Susan Burch via e-mail at [Susan.Burch@nasa.gov](mailto:Susan.Burch@nasa.gov) or by telephone at (202) 358-0914.

Photographs will only be permitted during the first 10 minutes of the meeting. During the first 30 minutes of the meeting, members of the public may make a 5-minute verbal presentation to the Panel on the subject of safety in NASA. To do so, please contact Ms. Susan Burch on (202) 358-0914 at least 24 hours in advance. Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Panel at the time of the meeting. Verbal presentations and written comments should be limited to the subject of safety in NASA.

Dated: March 13, 2006.

**P. Diane Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that two meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows:

NEA Jazz Masters, Panel B (application review)—March 29, 2006, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EST). This meeting will be closed.

Folk & Traditional Arts (application review)—April 7, 2006, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EST). This meeting will be closed.

Closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: March 13, 2006.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## **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 review of continued 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:* 10 CFR part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements."

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0039.

3. *How often the collection is required:* As necessary in order for NRC to meet its responsibilities called for in sections 170 and 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act).

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Licensees authorized to operate reactor facilities in accordance with 10 CFR part 50 and licensees authorized to construct and operate a uranium enrichment facility in accordance with 10 CFR parts 40 and 70.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 91.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,307.

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 140 of the NRC's regulations specifies information to be submitted by licensees to enable the NRC to assess (a) the financial protection required of licensees and for the indemnification and limitation of liability of certain licensees and other persons pursuant to section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and (b) the liability insurance required of uranium enrichment facility licensees pursuant to section 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Submit, by May 16, 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 (T-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to [INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of March 2006.

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. 50-390]

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1; Exemption

#### 1.0 Background

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-90, which authorizes operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 1. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) now or hereafter in effect. The facility consists of one pressurized-water reactor located in Rhea County, Tennessee.

#### 2.0 Request/Action

Sections IV.F.2.b and c of Appendix E to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50 require the licensee at each site to conduct an exercise of its onsite emergency plan and of its offsite emergency plans biennially with full or partial participation by each offsite authority having a role under the plan. During such biennial exercises, the NRC evaluates onsite and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) evaluates offsite emergency preparedness activities, including interaction with the various State and local emergency management agencies. TVA successfully conducted an exercise at WBN during the week of November 5, 2003.

The licensee had scheduled a plume exposure pathway exercise for November 2, 2005, however, due to Hurricane Katrina, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) was unable to support the exercise. Under the current regulations, the licensee would have had until December 31, 2005, to complete their next exercise. Instead, the licensee will conduct an evaluated exercise on June 7, 2006. Future exercises will be scheduled biennially from the year 2005.

The Commission, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(1), may grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 that are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. The Commission, however, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2), will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present. Under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), special circumstances are present when application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. Under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v), special circumstances are present whenever the exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee or applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation.

#### 3.0 Discussion

The underlying purpose for conducting a biennial exercise is to ensure that emergency organization personnel are familiar with their duties and to test the adequacy of emergency plans. In order to accommodate the scheduling of exercises, the NRC has allowed licensees to schedule the exercises at any time during the calendar biennium. Conducting the WBN exercise in calendar year 2006 places the exercise past the previously scheduled biennial calendar year of 2005.

Since the last exercise conducted at WBN on November 5, 2003, WBN has conducted four training drills, a full scale plume phase off-year exercise on November 3, 2004, and an integrated training drill on September 28, 2005. The NRC staff considers the intent of this requirement is met by having conducted these series of exercises and drills. The NRC staff considers that these measures are adequate to maintain an acceptable level of emergency preparedness during this period, satisfying the underlying purpose of the