

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2012-0176]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on September 5, 2012 (77 FR 54615).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 110, Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material.

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0036.

4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Forms 830, 830A, 831, and 831A.

5. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion and annually.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export or import nuclear material or equipment subject to the requirements of a general or specific license.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 2,598.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 108.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 780.

10. *Abstract:* Persons in the U.S. whom export or import nuclear material or equipment under a general or specific authorization must comply with certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements under part 110 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O-1F21,

One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>. The document will be available on the NRC's 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 January 22, 2013. 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.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0036), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov or submitted by telephone at 202-395-4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, 301-415-6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of December, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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[Docket No. NRC-2012-0198]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on September 24, 2012 (77 FR 58872).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 40, Domestic Licensing of Source Material.

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0020.

4. *The form number if applicable:* N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion. Reports required under part 40 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a license. Renewal applications need to be submitted every 5 to 10 years. Information in previous applications may be referenced without being resubmitted. In addition, recordkeeping must be performed on an on-going basis.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* 10 CFR part 40: Applicants for and holders of NRC licenses authorizing the receipt, possession, use, or transfer of radioactive source and byproduct material.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 589 [220 (168.6 NRC responses + 51 recordkeepers)] + 369 (220 Agreement States responses + 149 recordkeepers).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 99 (33 NRC Licensees + 66 Agreement State Licensees).

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 11,106 hours (4,815 NRC Licensees hours [2,743 reporting + 2,072 recordkeeping] + 6,291 Agreement States Licensees hours [2,500 reporting + 3,791 recordkeeping]).

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 40 establishes requirements for licenses for the receipt, possession, use and transfer of radioactive source and byproduct material. The application, reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to permit the NRC to make a determination on whether the possession, use, and transfer of source and byproduct material is in conformance with the Commission's regulations for protection of public health and safety.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee, publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20874. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>. The document will be available on the

NRC's 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 January 22, 2013. 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.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0020), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov, or submitted by telephone at 202-395-4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, 301-415-6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of December 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388; NRC-2012-0306]

Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, PPL Susquehanna, LLC, Exemption

1.0 Background

PPL Susquehanna, LLC (the licensee) is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, which authorizes operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect. The facility consists of two boiling-water reactors located in Salem Township in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

2.0 Request/Action

Part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b requires that "[e]ach licensee at each site shall conduct an exercise of its onsite emergency plan every 2 years. * * *" By letters dated October 25, November 16, and November 29, 2012,¹ the licensee

requested a temporary one-time exemption from this requirement that would allow postponing the onsite portion of the biennial emergency preparedness (EP) exercise from October 23, 2012, to February 26, 2013.

The licensee stated that an exemption is being requested due to an unplanned Unit 1 outage necessary due to fatigue cracking experienced on the Unit 1 turbine blades described herein. On October 3, 2012, SSES received a recommendation from its low pressure (LP) turbine supplier to remove the Unit 1 Main Turbine from service to perform LP turbine end blade root inspections. The licensee subsequently reduced reactor power on Units 1 and 2 to minimize blade tip vibration and allow additional time for outage planning. The licensee removed Unit 1 from service on October 20, 2012. According to the licensee, the Unit 1 shutdown affected the availability of a significant number of employees that would be required to support outage functions on a 24-hour basis, including an operating shift, as well as several key managers. Therefore, these personnel were unavailable to support the EP exercise on October 23, 2012.

The licensee further stated that it has made a good faith effort to comply with the regulation as indicated by the licensee's personnel supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and local agencies in the successful demonstration of the offsite portions of the SSES biennial exercise on October 23, 2012, with no deficiencies being identified by FEMA. All onsite positions that would provide communications to/from offsite agencies regarding emergency event classifications and protective action recommendations were staffed by licensee control cells at the emergency operations facility (EOF) to facilitate the offsite response. A licensee Recovery Manager also participated as a control cell to address communications with the Senior State Official. However, as a result of the licensee's participation in the offsite portion of the exercise, the scenario was compromised. To ensure exercise integrity, the licensee stated that it was developing and validating a new scenario, which would require the NRC review under 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b.

When the licensee submitted its letter dated November 16, 2012, Unit 1 had been restored to service and the licensee had determined, based on the results of the Unit 1 turbine blade outage, that it

was necessary to shutdown Unit 2 to conduct the same inspection. The licensee further stated that the estimated time needed to develop and validate a new scenario, as well as resources required in support of the Unit 2 outage, required that the onsite portion of a biennial EP exercise be rescheduled beyond calendar year 2012.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, when: (1) The exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) when special circumstances are present.

Authorized by Law

This exemption would allow the licensee to accommodate these impacts upon its resources by postponing the onsite portion of the exercise from the previously scheduled date of October 23, 2012, to February 26, 2013.

As stated above, 10 CFR 50.12 allows the NRC to grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E. The NRC staff has determined that granting of the licensee's proposed exemption will not result in a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or the Commission's regulations. Therefore, the exemption is authorized by law.

No Undue Risk to Public Health and Safety

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b, requiring licensees to conduct a biennial EP exercise is to ensure that the licensee's emergency response organization (ERO) personnel are familiar with their duties and to test the adequacy of emergency plans. In addition, 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b, also requires licensees to maintain adequate emergency response capabilities during the intervals between biennial exercises by conducting drills to exercise the principal functional areas of emergency response. In order to accommodate the scheduling of full participation exercises, the NRC has allowed licensees to schedule the exercises at any time during the calendar biennium. Conducting the remaining onsite portions of the SSES full participation exercise by February 26, 2013, rather than in calendar year 2012, places the exercise outside of the required biennium.

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Nos.

ML12300A108, ML12324A249, and ML123350107, respectively.