

This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of UL's application.

OSHA seeks public comment on this preliminary determination.

IV. Public Participation

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether UL meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits.

Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer time period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified.

To review copies of the exhibit identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. These materials also are generally available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025 (for further information, see the "Docket" heading in the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES).

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner. After addressing the issues raised by these comments, staff will make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on whether to grant UL's application for expansion of the scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**.

V. Authority and Signature

Amanda Laihow, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 7-2025 (90 FR 27878, June 30, 2025), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 16, 2026.

Amanda Laihow,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

[OMB Control No. 1240-0021]

Proposed Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection: OWCP 1168 Provider Enrollment Form.

AGENCY: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, (OWCP), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request 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. Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, (OWCP) is soliciting comments on the information collection for 1240-0021, OWCP 1168 Provider Enrollment Form.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before May 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for WCPO-2026-0133. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social

Security number or confidential business information.

- If your comment includes confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

Written/Paper Submissions: Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Mail or visit DOL-OWCP, Office of Workers' Compensation: 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S3524, Washington, DC 20210.

- OWCP will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anjanette Suggs, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov (email); (202) 354-9660 (phone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is the agency responsible for administration of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*, the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384 *et seq.*, and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 33 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* These statutes require OWCP to pay for appropriate medical and vocational rehabilitation services provided to beneficiaries. In order for OWCP's billing contractor to pay providers for these services with its bill processing system, providers must enroll with one or more of the OWCP programs that administer the statutes by submitting certain profile information, including identifying information, tax I.D. information, and whether they possess specialty or sub-specialty training. Form OWCP-1168 is used to obtain this information from each provider.

If this information is not obtained before the provider submits his or her first bill for payment, the bill payment process is substantially prolonged and increases the burden on providers. The regulations implementing the above statutes that OWCP administers permit the collection of information necessary to allow its billing contractor to process and pay bills submitted by providers of medical and vocational rehabilitation services. (20 CFR 10.801, 30.701, 725.704, 725.705 and 725.714).

II. Desired Focus of Comments

OWCP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to the OWCP 1168 Provider Enrollment Form. OWCP is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of CEO's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection 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 submission of responses.

Documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov>. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns the OWCP 1168 Provider Enrollment Form. OWCP has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, OWCP.

OMB Number: 1240-0021.

Affected Public: Public Sector.

Number of Respondents: 18,417.

Number of Responses: 18,417.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,901.55 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$0.00.

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

will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Anjanette Suggs,
Certifying Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370; NRC-2026-1322]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Exemption

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a request dated August 18, 2025, from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, to allow the use of AXIOM® fuel cladding at McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. Current NRC regulations limit applicability to the use of fuel rod cladding with zircaloy or ZIRLO™.

DATES: The exemption was issued on March 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-1322 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-1322. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The exemption request dated August 18, 2025 is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25230A072.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of

publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Klos, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-5136; email: John.Klos@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the exemption is attached.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dated: March 16, 2026.

Lee Klos,

Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch II-1, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Attachment—Exemption

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket No. 50-369, 50-370; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Exemption

I. Background

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy, the licensee) is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17, for McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 (McGuire). The RFOL provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

McGuire, Units 1 and 2, consists of a pressurized-water reactor located at the licensee's site in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

II. Request/Action

By application dated August 18, 2025 Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), Accession No. ML25230A072, the licensee, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.12, "Specific exemptions," requested an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.46, "Acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems for light-water nuclear power reactors," to allow the use of AXIOM® fuel cladding at McGuire.

The regulations in 10 CFR 50.46 are currently limited in applicability to the use of fuel rods with zircaloy or ZIRLO™ cladding. The special circumstances associated with the exemption request are that application of the regulation in this circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

III. Discussion

The regulation in 10 CFR 50.46(a)(1)(i) states, in part, that:

each boiling or pressurized light-water nuclear power reactor fueled with uranium oxide pellets within cylindrical zircaloy or