

design is the only certified design that has been built to completion in the United States. The AP1000 DC thus is in a unique position in which updated information and data from recent construction and operation are already available to be incorporated into the DC. Lastly, as the exemption request stated, the requested exemption is aligned with the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act of 2019 (NEIMA), the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy Act of 2024 (ADVANCE Act), and recent executive orders, by increasing licensing efficiencies for potential future advanced reactor applicants, thereby enabling the safe and secure use and deployment of civilian nuclear energy technologies. For these reasons, there are material circumstances present that were not considered when the regulation was adopted for which it is in the public interest to grant the exemption. Therefore, the NRC staff has determined that special circumstances are present in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(vi).

E. Environmental Considerations

On March 30, 2026 (91 FR 15519), the NRC amended its regulations in 10 CFR 51.22, “Categorical exclusions,” including the provision Westinghouse cited as the basis for excluding the exemption request from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As further discussed below, the NRC staff has determined that issuance of the requested exemption meets the criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22, specifically paragraph (d)(5) related to changes to scheduling requirements. Before the March 30, 2026, rulemaking, this provision was located at 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(G), which Westinghouse cited in its exemption request. The NRC staff’s evaluation of the applicability of the categorical exclusion under 10 CFR 51.22(d)(5) is discussed below.

Categorical Exclusion Under 10 CFR 51.22(d)(5)

The provisions of 10 CFR 51.22(d) exclude certain categories of NRC actions from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, provided that any ground disturbance is limited to previously disturbed areas and there is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure, and no significant increase in the potential for

or consequences from radiological accidents.

This action relates to an exemption from scheduling requirements for DC renewal applications set forth in 10 CFR 52.57(a) and would allow Westinghouse to submit an application for renewal of the AP1000 DC more than 36 months before the initial 40-year period, which expires in 2046. Therefore, 10 CFR 51.22(d)(5), which categorically excludes from environmental review NRC actions related to changes to scheduling requirements, applies to this exemption.

The NRC staff has determined this action regarding the DC renewal scheduling requirement involves no physical change to the human environment. Thus, any ground disturbance is limited to previously disturbed areas. Additionally, the NRC staff has determined that the action involves no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure, and no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents. Finally, the NRC staff has determined that a categorical exclusion applies and that special circumstances under 10 CFR 51.22, “Categorical exclusions,” are not present that would preclude reliance on the categorical exclusion. Accordingly, this action meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(d)(5). Pursuant to 10CFR51.22, no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the action.

IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 52.7 and 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Westinghouse a one-time exemption from the requirement in 10 CFR 52.57(a) that an application for renewal of a DC must be submitted not less than 12 nor more than 36 months before expiration of the initial 40-year period, such that Westinghouse may apply for renewal of the AP1000 DC more than 36 months before the expiration of the initial 40-year period.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24 day of June 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michele Sampson,

Acting Division Director, Division of Advanced Reactor Licensing, Office of Advanced Reactors.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Report of Medical Examination of Person Electing Survivor Benefits, OPM 1530, 3206–0162

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Retirement Services offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an expiring information collection request (ICR), Report of Medical Examination of Person Electing Survivor Benefits, OPM 1530.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 3, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Office of Personnel Management” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 3316–BD, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson sent via electronic mail to: RSPublicationsTeam@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Agency assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Agency’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. OPM is soliciting comments on the proposed

information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Agency is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

At the time of retirement, an employee or Member in good health may elect an insurable interest survivor annuity benefit on behalf of an eligible beneficiary. OPM Form 1530 is used to collect the information necessary to determine whether the employee or Member is in good health so that OPM can determine whether the applicant is eligible to elect an insurable interest survivor annuity benefit.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Report of Medical Examination of Person Electing Survivor Benefits.

OMB Number: 3206–0162.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 250.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Alexys Stanley,

Federal Register Liaison.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Agency Information Collection Request: Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, OMB Control Number (3206– NEW)

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a new Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) information collection request

(ICR). OPM conducts this collection to satisfy statutorily required employee survey requirements.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 31, 2026. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Employee Viewpoint Survey Team, Attention: Makisha Brown, via electronic mail to EVS@opm.gov or via telephone at (202) 606–1800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2), OPM is soliciting comments for this new information collection request prior to seeking Office of Management and Budget approval. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. 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;

3. Suggest ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Suggest ways to 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.

Background

Section 1128 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Pub. L. 108–136, 5 U.S.C. 7101 note) requires executive agencies to conduct an annual employee survey and directs OPM to issue regulations prescribing the

survey questions that must appear on all agency surveys to allow for comparison across agencies. The survey is the instrument through which agencies meet the statutory requirement to assess (1) leadership and management practices that contribute to agency performance and (2) employee satisfaction with leadership policies and practices, the work environment, rewards and recognition for professional accomplishment and personal contributions to achieving the organizational mission, opportunity for professional development and growth, and opportunity to contribute to achieving the organizational mission. OPM implemented this requirement through regulations at 5 CFR part 250, subpart C, to provide comparable governmentwide data and centrally administered the annual survey, the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS), on behalf of agencies. Agencies participating in the FEVS satisfy the annual employee survey requirement by including the prescribed core survey questions, while retaining limited flexibility to add agency-specific items consistent with OPM guidance.

In the Rules section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, OPM proposes to reduce the number of prescribed annual employee survey questions from 16 to 10, retaining the most probative items to better serve workforce planning needs. In addition, OPM will no longer centrally administer the survey on behalf of agencies. Instead, each agency will administer the survey to its employees. The survey consists of Likert-type, mark-one, and mark-all-that-apply items. The information collection consists of the responses provided by the employees who complete the survey. The OPM survey will be available to agencies as a common form. An agency will submit the resulting data for the prescribed questions to OPM and OMB once per year to enable governmentwide comparison. Should agencies add questions to the common form, agencies would be responsible for their own collections separate from the OPM common form and would need to seek their own OMB control number.

Analysis

Agency: Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey.

OMB Number: 3206–NEW.

Type of Review: New collection (Request for a new OMB control number).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Federal employees.