

responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) These exemptions are supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of these exemptions is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete and accurately describe all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption. In the case of continuing exemption transactions, if any of the material facts or representations described in the application change after the exemption is granted, the exemption will cease to apply as of the date of such change. In the event of any such change, application for a new exemption may be made to the Department.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 4th day of November, 1999.

**Ivan Strasfeld,**

*Director of Exemption Determinations,  
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,  
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

**DATE AND TIMES:**

November 18, 1999: 11:30 a.m.—Closed Session

November 18, 1999: 1 p.m.—Closed Session

November 18, 1999: 2 p.m.—Open Session

**PLACE:** The National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

**STATUS:**

Part of this meeting will be closed to the public

Part of this meeting will be open to the public

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Closed Session (11:30 a.m.—12 Noon)**

Closed Session Minutes  
NSB Member Proposal  
Personnel

**Closed Session (1 p.m.—2 p.m.)**

Awards and Agreements  
FY 2001 Budget

**Open Session (2 p.m.—6 p.m.)**

Minutes, July 1999  
Closed Session Items for February 2000  
Chair's Report  
Director's Report  
Committee Reports  
NSB Delegation of Authority  
NSF Strategic Plan  
NSB/EHR Workplan  
NSB Interim Report on the Environment  
International Task Force Status Report  
Science & Engineering Indicators  
Committee on Communication & Outreach  
Status Report  
NSB February 2000 Policy Meeting & Retreat  
NSB 2000 Calendar  
Presentation: Nanoscience & Engineering

**Marta Cehelsky,**

*Executive Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** 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).

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 55, "Operators' Licenses."

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0018.

3. *How often the collection is required:* As necessary for NRC to meet its responsibilities to determine the eligibility of applicants for operators' licenses, prepare or review initial operator licensing and requalification examinations, and perform a review of

applications and reports for simulation facilities submitted to the NRC.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Holders of and applicants for facility (i.e., nuclear power, research, and test reactor) operating licenses and individual operators' licenses.

5. *The number of annual of respondents:* 231.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 25,937 (approximately 19,840 hours of reporting burden and approximately 6,097 hours of record-keeping burden).

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 55, "Operators' Licenses," of the NRC's regulations, specifies information and data to be provided by applicants and facility licensees so that the NRC may make determinations concerning the licensing and requalification of operators for nuclear reactors, as necessary to promote public health and safety. The reporting and record-keeping requirements contained in 10 CFR part 55 are mandatory for the licensees and applicants affected.

Submit, by January 10, 2000, 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 submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/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-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [bjs1@nrc.gov](mailto:bjs1@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 3rd day of November, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**  
*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief  
 Information Officer.*  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of  
information collection and solicitation  
of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The 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.

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

2. *The title of the information  
collection:* NRC Form 592, "NRC's  
Handling of Your Concerns."

3. *The form number if applicable:*  
NRC Form 592.

4. *How often the collection is  
required:* One time, as allegations are  
closed.

5. *Who will be required or asked to  
report:* Individuals who have submitted  
an allegation to the NRC.

6. *An estimate of the number of  
responses:* 240.

7. *The estimated number of annual  
respondents:* 240.

8. *An estimate of the total number of  
hours needed annually to complete the  
requirement or request:* 240 (one hour  
per response).

9. *An indication of whether section  
3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not  
applicable.

10. *Abstract:* NRC is requesting  
reinstatement of NRC Form 592 to  
conduct a voluntary survey of alleged  
who bring health and safety concerns to  
the NRC. The survey is used to  
determine the level of satisfaction or  
dissatisfaction with NRC's handling of  
their allegation. The survey will be sent  
to alleged in various categories (alleged  
who allegations were resolved but not  
substantiated, resolved and

substantiated, or resolved and partially  
substantiated) whose allegations were  
filed in each of the four NRC regional  
offices and the two major program  
offices, the Office of Nuclear Reactor  
Regulation and the Office of Nuclear  
Material Safety and Safeguards. The  
results of this survey will be used by  
NRC management to gauge the  
effectiveness of its existing program and  
to develop programmatic revisions, as  
needed, to improve its handling of  
allegations.

A copy of the final supporting  
statement may be viewed free of charge  
at the NRC Public Document Room,  
2120 L Street, NW (lower level),  
Washington, DC. OMB clearance  
requests are available at the NRC  
worldwide web site ([http://  
www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/  
index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/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 should be  
directed to the OMB reviewer listed  
below by December 9, 1999. 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. Erik Godwin, Office of Information  
and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0185),  
NEOB-10202, Office of Management  
and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by  
telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda  
Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 3rd day of  
November, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**  
*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief  
 Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1600]

### Revision of the NRC Enforcement Policy

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Policy Statement: revision.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC) is publishing a  
complete revision of its General  
Statement of Policy and Procedure for  
NRC Enforcement Actions (NUREG-  
1600) (Enforcement Policy or Policy).  
This is the third complete revision of

the Enforcement Policy since it was first  
published as a NUREG document on  
June 30, 1995; 60 FR 34381. The NRC  
publishes the policy statement as a  
NUREG to foster its widespread  
dissemination. This revision: (1) Revises  
the approach for assessing the  
significance of violations; (2) Changes  
guidance to conform to recent revisions  
to the NRC's regulations for operating  
reactors regarding changes, tests, and  
experiments (64 FR 53582; October 4,  
1999); (3) Updates the Policy to reflect  
the Deputy Executive Director for  
Reactor Programs and the Deputy  
Executive Director for Materials,  
Research and State Programs as the  
principal enforcement officers of the  
NRC; (4) Corrects the schedule for  
exercising enforcement discretion for  
findings involving the completeness and  
accuracy of licensee Final Safety  
Analysis Reports (FSAR); (5)  
Consolidates the guidance on  
dispositioning Severity Level IV  
violations as either Notices of Violation  
or Non-Cited Violations; (6) Reorganizes  
existing guidance on the relationship  
between safety and compliance to  
improve clarity; (7) Consolidates  
changes to the Enforcement Policy since  
May 1998; and (8) Edits and restructures  
existing guidance to assure consistency  
with recent policy changes and to  
facilitate maintenance of the  
Enforcement Policy. The intent of this  
Policy revision is to move towards a  
more risk-informed and performance-  
based approach.

**DATES:** This action is effective  
November 9, 1999. Comments on this  
revision should be submitted on or  
before December 9, 1999 and will be  
considered by the NRC prior to the next  
Enforcement Policy revision.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments  
to: David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and  
Directives Branch, Division of  
Administrative Services, Office of  
Administration, Mail Stop: T6D59, U.S.  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand  
deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville  
Pike, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and  
4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Copies of  
comments received may be examined at  
the NRC Public Document Room 2120 L  
Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington,  
DC.

The NRC's Office of Enforcement  
maintains the current policy statement  
on its homepage on the Internet at  
[www.nrc.gov/OE/](http://www.nrc.gov/OE/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill  
Borchardt, Director, Office of  
Enforcement, (301) 415-2741, or Renée  
Pedersen, Senior Enforcement  
Specialist, Office of Enforcement, U.S.