

new biological opinion, and Energy Northwest would no longer be required to adhere to the March 10, 2017, biological opinion upon issuance of a new biological opinion.

#### *Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is needed to reflect the biological opinion issued by NMFS on March 10, 2017, and to require Energy Northwest's compliance with the ITS and related RPMs and T&Cs contained therein. The proposed action is administrative in nature.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed changes are administrative in nature, would have no direct effects on plant equipment or plant operation, and would not involve any changes to the design bases for Columbia.

With regard to potential radiological impacts, the proposed action would not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, would not change the types or increase the amount of effluent that may be released offsite, and would result in no increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, because the proposed action is administrative in nature, it would not have any direct impacts on land, air, or water resources, including impacts to terrestrial biota. In addition, the NRC staff identified no socioeconomic or environmental justice impacts associated with the proposed action. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

An indirect effect of the proposed action is that Energy Northwest's impingement and entrainment studies (RPM 1 and 2) would likely require in-water work and the collection of larvae and eggs. In-water work could cause minor disturbances to nearby biota. However, the activity would be temporary and fish could swim away to avoid the area and return once the temporary work is completed. Removal of larvae and eggs of resident fish species could occur during collection periods for the entrainment study. However, the amount of individuals that would be collected for the study would be negligible when compared to the size of local resident fish populations. In addition, RPM 3 requires Energy Northwest to modify some of its

collection practices while conducting biological monitoring studies. In general, these practices will result in beneficial effects to ESA-listed species because the purpose of the modifications are to minimize impacts. For example, during electrofishing, where fish are temporarily stunned for biologists to collect and measure them, RPM 3 requires Energy Northwest to handle ESA-listed fish with extreme care and keep them in cold water to the maximum extent possible during sampling and processing procedures. The NRC staff concludes that the indirect effects from the impingement and entrainment studies as well as the modified collection practices will not result in significant environmental impacts to the radiological or non-radiological environment.

Based on the foregoing analysis, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed license amendment (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental conditions or impacts. Accordingly, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

The proposed action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in NUREG-1437, Supplement 47, prepared for the license renewal of Columbia.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

The NRC did not enter into consultation with any other Federal Agency or with the State of Washington regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. However, on June 6, 2018, the NRC notified the Washington State official, Mr. Richard Cowley, Washington State Department of Health, Office of Radiation Protection of the proposed amendment. The State official had no comments.

### **III. Finding of No Significant Impact**

The NRC is considering issuance of an amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-21, issued to Energy Northwest for operation of Columbia. The proposed amendment would revise the Columbia EPP to require Energy Northwest to adhere to the specific requirements within the ITS in the currently applicable biological

opinion. On the basis of the EA included in Section II of this document and incorporated by reference into this finding, the NRC concludes that the proposed action would not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The NRC's evaluation considered information provided in the licensee's application as well as the NRC's independent review of other relevant environmental documents. Based on its findings, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of July 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[NRC-2018-0050]

### **Information Collection: 10 CFR Part 140, Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, "10 CFR part 140, Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements."

**DATES:** Submit comments by August 15, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments directly to the OMB reviewer at: OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0039), Attn: Desk Officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; email: [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Cullison, NRC Clearance Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; email: [INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2018–0050 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal rulemaking Website*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2018–0050.
- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)*: You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18127B276.
- *NRC’s PDR*: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
- *NRC’s Clearance Officer*: A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC’s Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: [INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV).

### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <http://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the OMB, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment

submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, “10 CFR part 140, Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements.” 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 April 10, 2018 (83 FR 15422).

1. *The title of the information collection*: “10 CFR part 140, Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements.”
2. *OMB approval number*: 3150–0039.
3. *Type of submission*: Revision.
4. *The form number, if applicable*: N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested*: On occasion, as needed for applicants and licensees to meet their responsibilities called for in Sections 170 and 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond*: Each applicant for or holder of a license issued under parts 50 or 54 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) to operate a nuclear reactor, or the applicant for or holder of a combined license issued under parts 52 or 54 of 10 CFR, as well as licensees authorized to possess and use plutonium in a plutonium processing and fuel fabrication plant. In addition, licensees authorized to construct and operate a uranium enrichment facility in accordance with parts 40 and 70 of 10 CFR.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses*: 102.

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9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request*: 796.

10. *Abstract*: 10 CFR part 140 specifies the information to be submitted by licensees that enables the NRC to assess (a) financial protection required by 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 plutonium processing and fuel fabrication plants, as well as uranium enrichment facility licensees pursuant to Section 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of July, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Kristen Benney**,

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72–1051; NRC–2018–0055]

### Holtec International’s HI–STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility for Interim Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel

**AGENCY**: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION**: License application; opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene; order.

**SUMMARY**: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a license application from Holtec International (Holtec), by letter dated March 30, 2017, as supplemented on April 13, October 6, December 21, and 22, 2017; and February 22, 2018. By this application, Holtec is requesting authorization to construct and operate the HI–STORE Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) Facility, in Lea County, New Mexico. If the NRC approves the application and issues a license to Holtec, Holtec intends to store up to 8,680 metric tons of uranium (MTU) of commercial spent nuclear fuel in the HI–STORE UMAX Canister Storage System for a 40-year license term.

**DATES**: A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by September 14, 2018.

**ADDRESSES**: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2018–0055 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2018–0055. Address questions about NRC dockets to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301–287–9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.