

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-96-1, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne C. Cyr, Office of Information and Consumer Affairs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-8148. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Vivian Allen at (202) 219-8076. For electronic copies, contact the Labor News Bulletin Board (202) 219-4784; or OSHA's WebPage on Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) currently has approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for certain information collection requirements contained in 29 CFR 1910.146. That approval will expire on September 30, 1997, unless OSHA applies for an extension of the OMB approval. This notice initiates the process for OSHA to request an extension of the current OMB approval.

As part of OMB's and OSHA's continuing paperwork reduction effort, OSHA seeks to reduce the paperwork burden hours in 29 CFR 1910.146 based upon input from parties interested in the regulatory scope of that regulation. The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on OSHA's existing paperwork burden estimates from those interested parties and to seek public response to several questions related to the development of OSHA's estimation. Interested parties are requested to review OSHA's existing estimates, which are based upon information available during rulemaking, and to comment on their accuracy or appropriateness in today's workplace situation. OSHA bases its existing estimates upon information made

available to the Agency during the initial rulemaking effort for 29 CFR 1910.146 (January 14, 1993; 58 FR 4462) and believes that this data may be outdated.

##### II. Current Actions

This notice requests an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in 29 CFR 1910.146, Permit-Required Confined Spaces.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

*Title:* Permit-Required Confined Spaces (29 CFR 1910.146).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0203.

*Agency Number:* Docket No. ICR-96-1.

*Frequency:* When needed to safely enter a permit-required confined space.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Federal government, and State, Local or Tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 238,853.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10.6 hours.

*Total Estimated Cost:* \$38,163,639.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,173,088.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request. They will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 19, 1996.

Thomas H. Seymour,

*Acting Director, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Regulatory Information Conference

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The objectives of the conference are to give the licensees and the public insights into our approach to safety regulations and to provide a forum for feedback from those in attendance on their concerns about our overall approach, as well as feedback on differences that may exist on technical issues. NRC staff will provide information regarding on-going programs and potential new initiatives as a basis for discussion.

Discussions will proceed from general (i.e., the plenary sessions) to specific issues (i.e., the breakout sessions), with emphasis on plant operations and the NRC view of these operations based on experience in carrying out its regulatory mission. Three plenary sessions are planned, two of which will be followed by breakout sessions that will include presentations by the NRC staff and industry representatives.

**DATES:** Conference will be held April 9-10, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be held at the Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Street, N.W., Washington DC 20036 Telephone: (202) 393-1000 Fax (202) 639-5742 (Refer to NRC Group)

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT:** ES Inc., by facsimile on (202) 835-0118 or by phone on (202) 835-1585, after February 1, 1996.

**PARTICIPATION:** This conference is open to the general public; however, advance registration is required by March 18, 1996. The following is the preliminary program for the conference:

*Tuesday, April 9, 1996—(8:30 a.m.—5:15 p.m.)*

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks—William T. Russell, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
2. Morning Speaker: NRC Chairman Shirley A. Jackson
3. Morning Plenary Session: Regulatory Trends
4. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Probabilistic Safety Assessment Implementation Plan
  2. Dry Cask Storage
  3. Improved Technical Specification Conversion
  4. Operator Licensing Examination Changes
5. Luncheon Speaker: James M. Taylor, NRC Executive Director for Operations
6. Afternoon Plenary Session: Regional Administrator Panel Issues:
  1. Inspection Program Performance-based Changes
  2. Enforcement Policy: Experience to Date
  3. Plant Performance Review Process
  4. Self Assessment
7. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Integrated Performance Assessment Program—Activities and Results
  2. Electronic Information Exchange
  3. Core Performance and Reactor Fuel Issues
  4. Revised Decommissioning Rule and Implementation

*Wednesday, April 10, 1996—(8:30 a.m.—4:45 p.m.)*

1. Breakout Sessions:
  1. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION I
  2. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION II
  3. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION III

4. NRC/Licensee Interface and Communications, REGION IV
2. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Competition, Utility Restructuring, Mergers, and NRC Licensing Activities
  2. Steam Generator Issues
  3. Fire Protection Issues
  4. Maintenance Rule Implementation
3. Luncheon Speaker: To Be Determined
4. Breakout Sessions:
  1. Reactor Vessel and Internals Issues
  2. License Renewal Update
  3. Shutdown Rule
  4. Spent Fuel Pool Issues
5. Closing Plenary Session: NRR Executive Team and Regional Administrators

Note: There will be a question and answer period after each session each day.

Next year's conference is scheduled for April 1-2, 1997, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 18th day of Jan. 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Marylee M. Slosson,

*Chief, Planning, Program, and Management Support Branch, Division of Inspection and Support Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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[Docket Nos. 50-255, 50-266, 50-301, 50-313, 50-368, 72-5, 72-7, 72-13, and 72-1007]

**Consumers Power Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, and Entergy Operations, Inc.; Palisades Plant; Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; and Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2; Receipt of Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206**

Notice is hereby given that by a Petition dated November 17, 1995, Fawn Shillinglaw requests that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) prohibit the loading of VSC-24 casks at any nuclear site until a particular cask at the Palisades Plant, in which indications have been detected in a weld, is unloaded and the unloading procedure evaluated.

As the basis for this request, the Petitioner notes that the NRC has determined that the unloading procedures developed by licensees have tended to be simplistic in that they fail to account for certain contingencies and assumptions and that these types of deficiencies are discovered through experience with the casks. She therefore asks that no additional casks be loaded until the defective cask at the Palisades Plant is unloaded. She also states that certain procedures concerning the casks require detailed NRC review and asks that they not be left to the licensees to perform without NRC oversight.

The Petition is being treated pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Petition has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this Petition within a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document rooms for Palisades Plant: Van Wylen Library, Hope College, Holland, Michigan; Point Beach Nuclear Plant: Joseph Mann Library, 1516 16th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin; and Arkansas Nuclear One: Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 18th day of January 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
William T. Russell,

*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision to a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.152, "Criteria for Digital Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants," describes a method acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the Commission's regulations for promoting high functional reliability and design quality for the use of digital computers in safety systems of nuclear power plants. This guide endorses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standard Std 7-4.3.2-1993, "Standard Criteria for Digital Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Generating Stations."

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of

Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Single copies of regulatory guides may be obtained free of charge by writing the Office of Administration, Attention: Distribution and Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax at (301)415-2260. Issued guides may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service on a standing order basis. Details on this service may be obtained by writing NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11 day of December 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David L. Morrison,

*Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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**POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**

[Order No. 1098; Docket No. A96-9]

Issued: January 19, 1996.

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III, Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; H. Edward Quick, Jr.

**In the Matter of: Morrison, Iowa 50657 (Donna, Cooley, et al., Petitioners); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)**

*Docket Number:* A96-9

*Name of Affected Post Office:*

Morrison, Iowa 50657

*Name(s) of Petitioner(s):* Donna

Cooley, et al.

*Type of Determination:* Consolidation

*Date of Filing of Appeal Papers:*

January 11, 1996

*Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:*

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(C)].

2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.