

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, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 25—Access Authorization for Licensee Personnel.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC regulated facilities and other organizations requiring access to NRC classified information.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 522.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 20.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 257 hours (197 hours reporting and 60 hours recordkeeping) or 3.8 hours/response.

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

10. *Abstract:* NRC regulated facilities and other organizations are required to provide information and maintain records to ensure that an adequate level of protection is provided NRC classified information and material.

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>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. 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 by January 22, 1998. Norma Gonzales, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0046), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

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

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Steam Generator Tube Inspection Techniques; Issue

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter (GL) 97-05 to all holders of operating licenses for pressurized-water reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel, to emphasize the importance of performing steam generator tube inservice inspections using qualified techniques in accordance with the requirements of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50, and to require certain information from addressees to determine whether they are in compliance with the current licensing basis for their respective facilities given their steam generator tube inservice inspection practices. This generic letter only requests information from the addressees under the provisions of Section 182a of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.54(f).

The generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9712120014.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on December 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip J. Rush, at (301) 415-2790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This generic letter does not constitute a backfit as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) since it does not impose modifications or additions to structures, systems or components or to design or operation of an addressee's facility. It also does not impose an interpretation of the Commission's rules that is either new or different from a previous staff position. The staff, therefore, has not performed a backfit analysis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,

Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of December 22, 29, 1997, January 5, and 12, 1998.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 22

There are no meetings the week of December 22.

Week of December 29—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of December 29.

Week of January 5—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of January 5.

Week of January 12—Tentative

Wednesday, January 14

9:30 a.m. Briefing by Executive Branch (closed—Ex.1)

Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Affirmation Session (public meeting) (if needed)

Note: The schedule for commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers: if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Fixed Gauge Licenses; Availability of Draft NUREG

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 4, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Fixed Gauge Licenses," dated October 1997.

NRC is using Business Process Redesign (BPR) techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This draft NUREG report is the fourth program-specific guidance developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

It is intended for use by applicants, licensees, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC personnel. It combines and updates the guidance for applicants and licensees previously found in Draft Regulatory Guide and Value/Impact Statement, FC 404-4, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses for the Use of Sealed Sources in Nonportable Gauging Devices," dated January 1985, and the guidance for licensing staff previously found in Policy and Guidance Directive, FC 85-4, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for the Use of Sealed Sources in Nonportable Gauging Devices," dated February 6, 1985, and Policy and Guidance Directive, FC 85-8, Revision 1, "Licensing of Fixed Gauges and Similar Devices," dated June 29, 1988. In addition, this draft report also contains pertinent information found in Technical Assistance Requests and Information Notices.

This draft report takes a risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing fixed gauges, i.e., it reduces the amount of information needed from an applicant seeking to possess and use a relatively safe device. These fixed gauges contain sealed sources of radioactive material and incorporate features engineered to enhance their safety. NRC's considerable experience with these licensees indicates that radiation exposures to workers are generally low, if the gauges are operated as designed and workers follow basic safety procedures.

This draft report is strictly for public comment and is NOT for use in preparing or reviewing applications for fixed gauges until it is published in final form. It is being distributed for comment to encourage public participation in its development.

DATES: The comment period ends March 23, 1998. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to DLM1@NRC.GOV.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 4, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, *Attn:* Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 8F5, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to SLM2@NRC.GOV. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 4, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 8-F5, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: slm2@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Larry W. Camper,

Chief, Medical, Academic, and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Self-Shielded Irradiator Licenses; Availability of Draft NUREG

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 5, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Self-Shielded Irradiator Licenses," dated October 1997.

NRC is using Business Process Redesign (BPR) techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This draft NUREG report is the fifth program-specific guidance developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

It is intended for use by applicants, licensees, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC personnel. It combines and updates the guidance for applicants and licensees previously found in Regulatory Guide 10.9, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses for the Use of Self-Contained Dry Source-Storage Gamma Irradiators," dated December 1988, and the guidance for licensing staff previously found in Policy and Guidance Directive, FC 84-16, Revision 1, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for Use of Self-Contained Dry Source-Storage Gamma Irradiators," dated January 26, 1989. In addition, this draft report also contains information found in pertinent Technical Assistance Requests and Information Notices.

This draft report takes a risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing self-shielded irradiators, i.e., it reduces the amount of