

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Comment on estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information; and
- 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 submission of responses.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the collection of information. Send comments to Mr. Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782 (this is not a toll-free number). All comments will be shared among the Agencies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 3, 1997, the Agencies published a Notice of Proposed Revision of Annual Information Return/Reports (September 3 Notice) in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 46556) to streamline and simplify the annual return/report forms filed for pension, welfare and fringe benefit plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

The Agencies anticipate that the revision of the annual return/report form (Form 5500 Series) will be finalized and available for use for plan years which begin in 1999 (see the Agencies' notice concerning their submission of the revised Form 5500 Series to OMB for review and approval, also published in today's **Federal Register**). OMB approval for the existing Form 5500 Series will expire prior to implementation of the proposal to revise the Form 5500 Series. As a result, the Agencies are requesting an extension/reinstatement of the current ICR through the filing period for the 1998 Form 5500 Series.

The Form 5500 Series is the primary source of information concerning the operation, funding, assets and investments of pension and other employee benefit plans. In addition to being an important disclosure document for plan participants and beneficiaries, the Form 5500 is a compliance and

research tool for the Agencies, and a source of information for use by other federal agencies, Congress, and the private sector in assessing employee benefit, tax, and economic trends and policies.

The Agencies solicited comments on the ICR included in the September 3 Notice, and specifically requested comments on the Agencies' estimates of burden hours and burden estimation methodologies. The Agencies received comments indicating that estimates of the time required to collect the information and prepare the forms and related schedules were unrealistically low. In an effort to respond to those comments, the Agencies are currently in the process of evaluating the existing burden estimation methodologies to develop a revised and uniform burden estimation methodology. However, the burden hour estimates in this Notice are based on the methodologies described in the September 3 Notice, pending the availability of revised burden estimates.

To avoid unnecessary duplication of public comments, the supplementary Paperwork Reduction Act information published in the September 3 Notice is incorporated herein by this reference in its entirety, and comments submitted thereon addressing the Agencies' burden estimates will be treated as comments on this Notice of Proposed Extension/Reinstatement of Information Collection Request.

II. Current Actions

The Agencies intend to request an extension/reinstatement of the currently approved ICR through the filing period for the 1998 Form 5500 Series because the new forms are not scheduled to be implemented until 1999 plan years.

Although the 1998 Form 5500 Series is not yet available, it is not expected at this time to differ materially from the 1997 Form 5500 Series. However, the following limited changes have been made to the 1997 Form 5500 Series as of the date of this notice.

Schedule B: Technical revisions to reflect requirements for 1998 plan years (e.g., elimination of the box for "condition code" on line 12a in Part II of Schedule B, resulting from an amendment to the Code).

Schedule F: The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 amended Code section 6039D to include adoption assistance programs. As a result, a checkbox was added to line 2 of Schedule F to indicate that the fringe benefit plan is an adoption assistance program.

Agencies: Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (DOL, PWBA); Department of the Treasury, Internal

Revenue Service (IRS); Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

Title: Form 5500, Form 5500-C/R and Schedules.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection for Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration and Internal Revenue Service; reinstatement without change of an expired collection for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

OMB Numbers: 1210-0016 (Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration); 1545-0710 (Internal Revenue Service); 1212-0026 (Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Form Number: Form 5500, Form 5500-C/R and Schedules.

Total Respondents: 801,934 for PWBA and PBGC; 901,400 for IRS.

Total Responses: 801,934 for PWBA and PBGC; 901,400 for IRS.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours, Total Annual Burden: 1.68 million burden hours (using the PWBA methodology) to 56.4 million burden hours (using the IRS methodology) for preparing the Form 5500 Series and filing it with the government. This total burden is shared among the Agencies. See the September 3 Notice for detailed information on the burden estimation methodology.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: June 18, 1998.

Gerald B. Lindrew,
Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Garrick R. Shear,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

Stuart A. Sirkin,
Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

[FR Doc. 98-16790 Filed 6-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-29-P

NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider matters relating to administration, the price regulation and a proposed interim procedural rule.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 1998 to commence at the close of the Proposed Rulemaking Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. as previously noticed at 63 FR 31943-31945.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Capitol Center for the Arts, Governor's Hall, 44 South Main Street, Concord, NH.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 43 State Street, PO Box 1058, Montpelier, VT 05601. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Commission will consider matters relating to administration and the price regulation, including the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees. The Commission will also consider a proposed interim procedural rule regarding rulemaking procedures and procedures for conducting producer referenda.

Authority: (a) Article V, Section 11 of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and all other applicable Articles and Sections, as approved by Section 147, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIR ACT), Pub. L. 104-127, and as thereby set forth in S.J. Res. 28(1)(b) of the 104th Congress; Finding of Compelling Public Interest by United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, August 8, 1996 and March 20, 1997. (b) Bylaws of the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, adopted November 21, 1996.

Kenneth Becker,

Executive Director.

[FR Doc. 98-16615 Filed 6-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 1650-01-M

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

AGENCY: U.S. 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, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance."

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:* All directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, or owning NRC licensed facilities as well as directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations supplying basic components and safety related design, analysis, testing, inspection, and consulting services to NRC licensed facilities or activities.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 230 responses.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 100 respondents.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 17,093 (13,480 reporting hours and 3,613 recordkeeping hours).

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

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 21 implements Section 206 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. It requires directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, owning, or supplying basic components to NRC licensed facilities or activities to report defects and noncompliances that could create a substantial safety hazard at NRC licensed facilities or activities. Organizations subject to 10 CFR Part 21 are also required to maintain such records as may be required to assure compliance with this regulation.

The NRC staff reviews 10 CFR Part 21 reports to determine whether the reported defects in basic components and related services and failures to comply at NRC licensed facilities or activities are potentially generic safety problems.

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 July 24, 1998.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0035), 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 June 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 98-16744 Filed 6-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324]

Carolina Power & Light Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee) to withdraw its May 23, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have reduced the short-term limit for Dose Equivalent I-131 activity in the reactor coolant from 4.0 microcuries/gram to 3.0 microcuries/gram.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 1997 (62 FR 40847). However, by letter dated April 17, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 23, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated April 17, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, William Madison Randall Library, 601 S. College