

concerning individual associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

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).

Information pertaining to the proposed rule requirements to be submitted:

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

2. *The title of the information collection:* Operator License Eligibility and Use of Simulation Facilities in Operator Licensing and Simulation Facility Certification.

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 474.

4. *How often the collection is required:* One-time basis for initial simulation facility certification and quadrennially thereafter.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Holders of and applicants for facility power operating licenses and individual operators' licenses.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 70 simulation facility licensees.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 18.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the proposed rule requirement or request:* 120 hours per response for a total burden reduction of 2,160 hours.

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

10. *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 proposed rule would allow applicants for reactor operator and senior reactor operator licenses to fulfill a portion of the experience prerequisites by manipulating a plant-referenced simulator as an alternative to use of the actual plant. In addition, the proposed rule would remove current requirements for certification of simulator facilities and routine submittal of simulator performance test reports to the NRC for review.

A copy of the proposed 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>). 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 July 24, 2000. 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 (3150-0018 and 3150-0138), 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, Maryland, this 16th day of June 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new 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 NRC'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.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1097 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Fire Protection for Operating Nuclear Power Plants." This guide is being developed to provide a comprehensive fire protection guidance document and to identify the scope and depth of fire protection that the NRC staff has determined to be acceptable for operating nuclear plants.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by August 10, 2000.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@NRC.GOV. Electronic copies of this draft guide, under Accession Number ML003711848, are available in NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room, which can also be accessed through NRC's web site, <WWW.NRC.GOV>. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. E.A. Connell at (301) 415-2838; e-mail EAC@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, 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.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to