

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substances may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than December 24, 2001.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

Laura M. Nagel,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 19, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public

information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Darrin King at (202) 693-4129 or e-mail: *King-Darrin@dol.gov*.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Stuart Shapiro, OMB Desk Officer for OSHA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (Needle Stick Safety and Prevention Act).

OMB Number: 1218-0246.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping; Reporting; and Third-party disclosure.

Number of Respondents: 502,724.

Requirement	Number of annual responses	Frequency	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
Exposure Control Plan—29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)				
Employee Solicitation	502,724	Annual & On occasion	.25	125,681
Employee Response	3,744,887	Annual & On occasion	.25	936,222
Written Update of Plan	502,724	Annual & On occasion	.25	125,681
Recordkeeping—29 CFR 1910.1030(h)(5)				
Sharp Injury Log	590,164	On occasion	.08333	49,180
Total	5,340,499			1,236,764

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act (NSPA) directs OSHA to amend the Bloodborne Pathogens standard to require that employers update their exposure control plans to reflect how employers implement new developments in control technology; solicit input from employees responsible for direct patient care in the identification, evaluation, and the selection of engineering and work practice controls; and, for certain employers, to establish and maintain a

log of percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Return to Normal Procedures-Filings With New York Field Office

AGENCY: U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that variations from the Boards normal case processing procedures at the New York Field Office as the result of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center are rescinded. The other variations in normal case processing procedures announced on September 26, 2001 remain in effect.

DATES: October 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert E. Taylor, (202) 653-7200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal Register Notice of September 26, 2001 (66 FR 49213) the Board announced variations in its normal case processing procedures. Specifically, filings due to the New York Field Office were to be made with the MSPB Northeastern

Regional Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The New York Field Office is now open for business, however, admittance to the office, including for administrative hearings, must be approved in advance. The office is open to Federal employees with proper identification; non Federal employees must show identification and proof that they have an appointment. The address of the New York Field Office is: 26 Federal Plaza, Room 3137A, New York, New York 10278. The telephone number is (212) 264-9372 and the fax number is (212) 264-1417.

Dated: October 19, 2001.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on November 7, 2001, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, November 7, 2001—3:00 p.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring

to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Howard J. Larson (telephone: 301/415-6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 17, 2001.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27454]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

October 19, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 13, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person

who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 13, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Holyoke Water Power Company (70-9943)

Holyoke Water Power Company ("HWP"), an electric utility company subsidiary of Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a registered holding company, and Holyoke Power and Electric Company ("HP&E"), a wholly owned subsidiary of HWP, both located at 1 Canal Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, have filed a declaration under section 12(d) and rules 44 and 54 under the Act.

HWP and HP&E seek authorization to sell to the City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department ("HG&E") certain hydroelectric generating facilities, associated distribution assets, and other related assets. The sale is a result of both an agreement settling certain litigation between the applicants and HG&E and a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric plant relicensing proceeding. The assets consist of (i) the Holyoke Dam and related units; (ii) related inventory and units, including poles and wires; (iii) certain of HWP's properties in the city of Holyoke, along with certain properties in the cities of Chicopee and South Hadley, Massachusetts; (iv) contracts with all of HWP's retail customers; and (v) all millpowers, water exchange agreements, licenses, and other agreements related to the acquired assets (collectively, "HWP Assets"). The HWP Assets comprise between 78-80% of HWP's total assets and between 22-23% of HWP's total generating capacity. The sale will dispose of HWP's entire hydroelectric generating capacity. HG&E will also assume certain liabilities associated with the HWP Assets and reassume HWP's position as licensee for the hydroelectric facilities under a license issued by the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission ("FERC"). The license is subject to various FERC rehearing requests.

HG&E will pay HWP \$17.55 million, subject to closing adjustments, for the HWP Assets. Various FERC-jurisdictional transmission assets will be included with the HWP Assets and are the subject of various filings made by HWP with FERC.¹ HG&E will

¹ These filings include a request for approval for the transfer of a hydro license under Part I of the Federal Power Act, for the sale of the hydroelectric