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A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/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 about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Margaret A. Janney (T-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7245, or by Internet electronic mail to [INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February 2007.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-02: Staff Guidance on Acceptance Review for Environmental Reports Associated With License Renewal Applications; Solicitation of Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-02 (LR-ISG) on the acceptance review criteria for environmental reports (ER) provided by applicants for reactor license renewal. This LR-ISG summarizes the Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51) requirements for ERs submitted with license renewal applications (LRAs), and provides a checklist that will be used by the NRC staff to verify the completeness of these reports prior to docketing. The NRC staff issues LR-ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of the license renewal rule and to review activities associated with an LRA. Upon receiving public comments, the NRC staff will evaluate the comments and make a determination to incorporate the

comments, as appropriate. Once the NRC staff completes the LR-ISG, it will issue the LR-ISG for NRC and industry use. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved LR-ISG into the next revision of the license renewal guidance documents.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted by April 17, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments should be delivered to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-6D59, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Persons may also provide comments via e-mail at [rgs@nrc.gov](mailto:rgs@nrc.gov). The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer A. Davis, Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-3835 or by e-mail at [jxd10@nrc.gov](mailto:jxd10@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Attachment 1 to this **Federal Register** notice, entitled Staff Position and Rationale for the Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-02: Staff Guidance on Acceptance Review for Environmental Reports Associated With License Renewal Applications, contains the NRC staff's rationale for publishing the proposed LR-ISG-2006-02. Attachment 2 to this **Federal Register** notice, entitled Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-02: Staff Guidance on Acceptance Review for Environmental Reports Associated With License Renewal Applications, identifies the guidance for reviewing ERs received with LRAs.

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the

proposed LR-ISG-2006-02. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding issuance of the proposed LR-ISG.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 8th day of February, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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### Attachment 1—Staff Position and Rationale for the Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-02: Staff Guidance on Acceptance Review for Environmental Reports Associated With License Renewal Applications

#### Staff Position

The NRC staff intends to use a checklist of acceptance criteria when evaluating environmental reports submitted with license renewal applications. This guidance summarizes the 10 CFR Part 51 requirements for environmental reports submitted with license renewal applications, and provides a checklist that documents the review process used by NRC staff to verify the completeness of these reports.

#### Rationale

The NRC developed a checklist of the requirements in 10 CFR Part 51 to document the NRC staff's acceptance review standards regarding the information that needs to be included in an environmental report. The staff finds that the utilization of the guidance provided in the checklist will facilitate consistency and efficiency in the NRC staff's acceptance reviews of environmental reports submitted with license renewal applications.

### Attachment 2—Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-02: Staff Guidance on Acceptance Review for Environmental Reports Associated With License Renewal Applications

#### Introduction

Each applicant for renewal of a license to operate a nuclear power plant is required to submit with its application a separate environmental report (ER) in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 54.23). As stated in 10 CFR 54.23, the ER must comply with the requirements of Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 51. The requirements governing the contents of an ER submitted at the operating license renewal stage are specified in 10 CFR 51.45 and 10 CFR 51.53(c). This LR-ISG is being proposed to document the staff's practice in

performing an acceptance review of ERs submitted as part of a license renewal application.

#### *Background and Discussion*

The NRC staff routinely reviews ERs against the requirements of 10 CFR 51.45 and 10 CFR 51.53(c) as part of the acceptance review of reactor license renewal applications. Staff review guidance governing reactor license renewal environmental reviews and the preparation of environmental impact statements is provided in NUREG-1555, Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants, Supplement 1: Operating License Renewal.

In conducting its acceptance review, the staff also relies on the guidance provided to applicants in Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Reports for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses. The regulatory guide provides methods acceptable to the staff for implementing the provisions of 10 CFR 51.45 and 10 CFR 51.53(c). While conformance with the suggested format of the regulatory guide is not required, use of the guide is expected to ensure the completeness of the information provided, assist the NRC staff and others in locating information, and result in more efficient and timely NRC staff review.

#### *Proposed Action*

The acceptance review checklist for ERs submitted with license renewal applications, available via ADAMS at Accession No. ML063190452, will be incorporated into the next revision of NUREG-1555, Supplement 1. The acceptance checklist is intended to be a tool to ensure efficiency and consistency in the staff's acceptance reviews and ensure that all necessary components of license renewal stage ERs are submitted in accordance with governing regulations. As noted in the checklist instructions, the absence of any of the information recommended in Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, would not require that supplemental information be provided prior to acceptance of an application; however, applicants should expect that the absence of such information may result in more intensive environmental audit activities and/or issuance of early requests for additional information to support the staff's review. The docketing and subsequent finding of a timely and sufficient application (including the ER) does not preclude NRC reviewers from requesting additional information as a review proceeds, nor does it predict the NRC's

final determination regarding the approval or denial of a license renewal application. This proposed LR-ISG is not intended to substitute or re-interpret requirements outlined in 10 CFR 51.45 and 10 CFR 51.53(c). The checklist is also expected to serve as a knowledge management tool for NRC staff members by specifying review criteria in a simplified, user-friendly format.

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## **POSTAL SERVICE**

### **New Standards for Domestic Mailing Services**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** On January 17, 2007, the Postal Service published an updated proposal in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 2089) providing new mailing standards to accompany the R2006-1 price change proposal currently before the Postal Regulatory Commission. We posted a new document on our Web site at <http://www.usps.com/ratecase> to respond to the comments we received on our January proposal and to further revise the proposed mailing standards.

In addition to the new document, you can find our earlier proposals at <http://www.usps.com/ratecase>, along with side-by-side comparisons of today's prices and those that are currently under review by the Postal Regulatory Commission. Our Web site also provides helpful information for mailers, including frequently asked questions, press releases, and Mailers Companion and MailPro articles related to the pricing change. We encourage you to review our proposed mailing standards and use our electronic tools as you prepare for the pricing change.

**DATES:** The document is available beginning February 14, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel Walker, 202-268-7261.

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

#### **Summary**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement

Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request a revision to the following collection of information: 3220-0025, RUIA Investigations and Continuing Entitlement, consisting of RRB Form(s) UI-9, Applicant's Statement of Employment and Wages, UI-23, Claimant's Statement of Service, UI-44, Claim for Credit for Military Service, ID-4F, Advising of Ineligibility for RUIA Benefits, ID-4U, Advising of Service/Earnings Requirements for RUIA Benefits, ID-4Y, Advising of Ineligibility for Sickness Benefits, ID-4X, Advising of Service/Earnings Requirements for Sickness Benefits, ID-20-1, Advising that Normal Unemployment Benefits Are About to Be Exhausted, ID-20-2, Advising that Normal Sickness Benefits Are About to Be Exhausted, ID-20-4, Advising That Normal Sickness Benefits Are About to Be Exhausted/Non-Entitlement, ID-5I, Letter to Non-Railroad Employers on Employment and Earnings of a Claimant, ID-5R (SUP), Report of Employees Paid RUIA Benefits for Every Day in Month Reported as Month of Creditable Service, ID-49R, Letter to Railroad Employers for Payroll Information, and UI-48, Claimant's Statement Regarding Benefit Claim for Days of Employment. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

#### **Previous Requests for Comments**

The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (71 FR 66991 on November 17, 2006) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

#### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

*Title:* RUIA Investigations and Continuing Entitlement.