

Date: March 3, 2003

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: NRC Form 7, "Application for License to Export Nuclear Material and Equipment"

Current Burden/Responses: 191 hours/63 responses

Proposed Burden/Responses: 191 hours/70 responses

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:

Burden and Cost for Respondents: There is no change in burden for respondents. The increase in the number of respondents was inadvertently omitted in the change worksheet which implemented the final rule for 10 CFR Part 110, which was approved by OMB on 12/01/2000. The final rule increased the number of respondents from 63 to 70, based on current licensing experience, as well as the burden from 150 to 191 hours. The change in cost reflects an increase in the annual labor cost to the Federal Government from \$140 to an average of \$154 per staff hour for reactor and materials licensees.

Some of the information on NRC Form 7 is being revised since the last OMB submittal, but there is no change in burden per response. This is because the information requested previously in items 22, "Country of Origin -- Source Material," and 23, "Country of Origin -- SNM Where Enriched or Produced," is being consolidated under a new item 22 as "Foreign Obligations by Country and Percentage." Also, the need for the NRC to collect the information requested in item 24, "Countries Which Attach Safeguards (if known)," is obsolete, so it is being deleted. The last two items on Form 7, items 26 and 27, are being moved up and re-numbered as items 24 and 25. The net result of the changes to Form 7 is two fewer items to complete, but no change in burden per response because the time needed to complete the revised item 22 has increased due to increasing U.S. Government reporting commitments for bilateral agreements for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy pursuant to Section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

Burden and Cost for the Federal Government: The burden for the Federal Government for OMB 3150-0027 has increased from a total of 1,000 hours to 3,000 hours since the last renewal. The increase reflects a correction in the methodology used to calculate burden and a re-estimate of required professional staff hours. The re-estimation was based on five professional staff to complete the analysis and review of incoming forms, to answer questions, to take licensing action, and to maintain files on the information collected in NRC Form 7. (This burden is a subset of the 6,000 hour burden approved under OMB 3150-0036, 10 CFR Part 110, Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material, which includes the 70 written applications). The change in cost reflects an increase in the annual labor cost to the Federal Government from \$140 to an average of \$154 per staff hour for reactor and materials licensees.

Level of Concurrence: Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records/Rule: NA

Search of the Information Requirements Control Automated System (IRCAS):

IRCAS was searched, no duplication was found.

Abstract: Any person in the U.S. wishing to export nuclear material and equipment requiring a specific authorization or radioactive waste requiring a specific authorization ordinarily should file an application for a license on NRC Form 7, except that certain submittals should be filed by letter. The application will be reviewed by the NRC and by the Executive Branch, and if applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy considerations are satisfied, the NRC will issue a license authorizing the export.

A completed NRC Form 7 must also be filed by any person in the U.S. wishing to use existing NRC general licenses for the export of incidental radioactive material before the export takes place (if the total amount of the shipment containing the incidental radioactive material exceeds 100 kilograms). The form is reviewed by the NRC to ensure that the Agency is informed before the fact of these kinds of shipments and to allow NRC to inform other interested parties, as appropriate, including import control authorities in interested foreign countries.

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