

July 27, 2011

FINAL SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

1. Title: 10 CFR Part 73, Physical Protection of Plants and Materials (3150-0002)
2. Current Burden/Responses: 1,005,313 hours (93,665 reporting + 891,484 recordkeeping + 20,164 third party) / 182,119 annual responses
3. Proposed Burden/Responses: 555,346 hours (20,510 reporting + 500,524 recordkeeping + 34,312 third party) / 151,884 annual responses
4. Burden attributable to Third Party Collections: 34,312 hours
5. Frequency of Response: On occasion
6. Number of Respondents: 579
7. Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:
The estimated burden has decreased from 1,005,313 hours to 555,346 hours, for a total decrease of 449,967 hours. For this renewal, the NRC conducted a comprehensive review of the requirements contained in 10 CFR 73. As a result of this review, a number of discrepancies were identified and resolved. Reasons for the change are as follows:

Burden changes	
Reason for Burden Change	Hours
Burden not associated with an information collection	-200.00
Burden for requirements that were not codified	-10,481.40
Burden associated with other Parts of the CFR	-6,110.00
De-duplicated burden old rule/order burden	-355,858.00
De-duplication of burden from other sections	-319.50
Burden for completed requirements	-46,319.00
Adjustments in the number of respondents	-31,244.20
Adjustments due to consolidation of requirements	+53.00
Newly identified information collections	+512.00
TOTAL change in burden	-449,967.10

Also, there is a change in cost because the hourly rate increased from \$258/hour to \$259/hour.

8. Level of Concurrence: Director, Division of Security Policy
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
9. Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records/Rule:
Certain sections of Part 73 vary from the OMB Guidelines by requiring that licensees submit reports to the NRC in less than 30 days. Sections 73.26, 73.27, 73.37, 73.67, and 73.71 require immediate notifications to response forces, NRC, and local law enforcement authorities, communications between convoys and movement control centers, and immediate notifications of consignees and shippers. These notification requirements are needed to permit response forces, NRC, law enforcement authorities, shippers, and

consignees to confirm the integrity of shipments or to determine whether there has been a loss or diversion of special nuclear material and to initiate prompt action for recovery of such material.

Certain other sections of Part 73 vary from the OMB Guidelines by requiring that licensees retain records for more than 3 years. Various sections require retention of records for 5 years, or for extended periods such as duration of possession of the material, duration of employment, or 5 years after termination of access authorization. These requirements are necessary to ensure that procedures for handling and safeguarding nuclear materials are available throughout the period in which the licensee possesses the material or operates the facility. Other records are required for inspection or for reconstruction of events in the event of a safeguards incident.

Abstract:

NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 73 prescribe requirements to establish and maintain a physical protection system and security organization with capabilities for protection of 1) special nuclear material (SNM) at fixed sites, 2) SNM in transit, and 3) plants in which SNM is used. The objective is to ensure that activities involving special nuclear material are consistent with interests of common defense and security and that these activities do not constitute an unreasonable risk to public health and safety. The information in the reports and records submitted by licensees is used by the NRC staff to ensure that the health and safety of the public and the environment are protected, and licensee possession and use of special nuclear material is in compliance with license and regulatory requirements

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