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DRAFT SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST – NEW IC

Title: Voluntary Reporting of Planned Topical Report Submissions (3150-XXXX)

Current Burden/Responses: 0 hours/0 responses

Proposed Burden/Responses: 1,000 hours /10 responses

Number of Respondents: 10

Frequency of Response: Annually

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:

Over the past four years, the NRC has been collecting this information to help with planning and budgeting its reviews of TRs. During this time, the number of organizations submitting TRs was less than 10. However, with the industry seeing the benefit from a single review of a TR instead of multiple reviews at individual plants, and the continued move to digital instrumentation and control (I&C) systems, the number of organizations submitting TRs to NRC has increased to 10 thus requiring an OMB Information Collection Clearance. It is expected that in future years the number will grow as those 10 organizations currently submitting reports provide updates and revisions to their TRs and new organizations submit TRs in growing areas such as digital I&C systems.

Level of Concurrence:

Branch Chief

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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

There are no recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: As part of its ongoing efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the TR program, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff needs up-to-date information on TR submittals. This additional information will help the NRC staff in budget development and resource implementation. The NRC staff plans to request a list of TRs an organization plans to submit for staff review for the three fiscal years (FYs) following the current FY. Information to be provided for each TR includes: 1) if it will apply to existing plants, new plants, or both; 2) the estimated number of licensed facilities planning to use the approved TR; 3) any specific operating or new plant type that indicated intent to include the safety evaluation in licensing actions if the TR is approved by the staff; and 4) if a fee-exemption request will be submitted under Section 170.11 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.