

DRAFT SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR 10 CFR PART 30
"RULES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY TO DOMESTIC LICENSING OF
BYPRODUCT MATERIAL"
(3150-0017)

CLEARANCE EXTENSION WITH BURDEN REVISIONS

Description of Information Collection

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 30 establish rules applicable to all persons in the United States governing domestic licensing of radioactive byproduct material. The regulations were issued pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Title II of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and exemptions from the domestic licensing requirements permitted by Section 81 of the Act. Among the provisions of the licenses issued by the NRC are conditions which impose requirements on the licensee, including reporting and recordkeeping. These include frequently used established standard license conditions and less frequently used new technology/uses standard license conditions.

Some of the conditions imposed are specific to the particular licensee as dictated by that licensee's particular facilities, equipment, or type of use of material. Other conditions are applied more generally--some to all licensees, and some to certain types of licensees based on the category of use of radioactive material (e.g., radiography, medical human use, etc.). These are known as "established standard license conditions." Established standard license conditions are utilized by NRC and the Agreement States to ensure that provisions for protection of public health and safety are imposed consistently among licensees. They are used in conjunction with the requirements in 10 CFR that the licensee commits to when applying for a license. A selection of commonly used standard license conditions which contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements are described in detail under the description of Section 30.34(e)(4).

The new technology/uses standard license conditions are imposed on individual licensees and groups of licensees engaged in new materials uses or the use of new technologies in established materials uses. New technology/uses standard license conditions will be utilized by all NRC regions to ensure that provisions for protection of public health and safety are imposed consistently among licensees. They are used in conjunction with the requirements in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) that the licensee commits to when applying for a license. New technology/uses standard license conditions which contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements similar to those in the regulations and established license conditions are described in greater detail in Section 30.34(e)(4).

A. Justification

1. Need for and Practical Utility of the Collection of Information

Section 30.9(b) requires that an applicant or licensee notify the Commission of information which the applicant or licensee recognizes as having significant implications for public health and safety or the common defense and security. This requirement applies only to information which is not already required to be provided to the Commission by other reporting or updating requirements. The information must be provided within two working days to the administrator of the appropriate NRC regional office.

This requirement is necessary because there may be some circumstances in which a licensee possesses some information which could be important to the protection of public health and safety or the common defense and security, but which is not otherwise required to be reported. The full disclosure requirement should not result in significant additional burdens on applicants or licensees. No formal program is required. It is expected that licensees will maintain a professional attitude toward safety and that, if some potential safety information is identified by the licensee, the information will be provided freely and promptly to the NRC so that the agency can evaluate it and act on it, if necessary.

Section 30.11 provides that the Commission may, upon the application of any interested person or on its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Parts 30-36 and 39 under specified conditions.

The information submitted under this section is examined by the NRC to determine whether the requested exemption is authorized by law, and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

Section 30.14(d) requires that any person who desires to introduce byproduct material into a product or material knowing or having reason to believe that it will be transferred to persons exempt under Section 30.14, apply for a specific license pursuant to Section 32.11. Such a license indicates that the product or material may be distributed by the licensee to persons exempt from the regulations (hereinafter "exempt persons").

Section 30.15(b) states that any person who desires to apply byproduct material to, or to incorporate it into, the products exempted in Section 30.15(a), or who desires to initially transfer for sale or distribution such products containing byproduct material, should apply for a specific license pursuant to Section 32.14. Such a license indicates that the product may be distributed by the licensee to persons exempt from the regulations.

Section 30.18(d) indicates that no person may, for purposes of commercial distribution, transfer byproduct material in the quantities set forth in Section 30.71, Schedule B, to exempt persons, except in accordance with a license issued under Section 32.18.

Section 30.19(b) indicates that any person who desires to manufacture, process, or produce, or initially transfer for sale or distribution self-luminous products containing tritium, krypton-85, or promethium-147, or to transfer such products to exempt persons for use, should apply for a license pursuant to Section 32.22, with a license provision that the product may be transferred to exempt persons and a certificate of registration in accordance with Section 32.210 of this chapter.

Section 30.20(b) requires that any person, who desires to manufacture, process, or produce gas and aerosol detectors containing byproduct material, or to initially transfer such products to exempt persons for use, apply for a license pursuant to Section 32.26, with a license provision that the product may be initially transferred to exempt persons and a certificate of registration in accordance with Section 32.210 of this chapter.

Section 30.21(b) requires that any person who desires to use capsules containing carbon-14 urea for "in vivo" diagnostic use for research involving human subjects shall apply for and receive a specific license pursuant to part 35 of this chapter. The NRC review of the information and the findings therefrom form the basis for NRC licensing decisions. NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License," which is used to collect this information, is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.21(c) requires that any person who desires to manufacture, prepare, process, produce, package, repackage, or transfer for commercial distribution capsules containing carbon-14 urea for "in vivo" diagnostic use, shall apply for a license pursuant to Section 32.21, with a license provision that the product may be transferred to exempt persons.

Section 30.22(b) states that any person who desires to manufacture, process, produce, or initially transfer for sale or distribution industrial devices containing byproduct material for use under Section 30.22(a), should apply for a license under Section 32.30 of this chapter and for a certificate of registration in accordance with Section 32.210 of this chapter.

For Sections 30.14(d) through 30.22(b) above, the information supplied on the application is necessary to permit the NRC to determine whether the proposed use of byproduct material provides adequate protection of public health and safety. The NRC review of the information and the findings therefrom form the basis for NRC licensing decisions. NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License," is used to collect this information and is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.32(a) requires that applications for specific licenses for byproduct material may be submitted on NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License." The NRC reviews the information submitted on the NRC Form 313 "Application for Material License," to determine whether an applicant for a license has the training, experience, equipment, facilities, and procedures for the use of byproduct material that are adequate to protect the public health and safety. NRC Form 313 is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.32(b) provides that NRC may require further statements after the filing of the application, and before the expiration of the license, to enable NRC to determine whether the application should be granted or denied or whether a license should be modified or revoked. Such additional information is sometimes needed to clarify information submitted in the application, or to rectify deficiencies in proposed or existing programs for protection of the public health and safety, the common defense and security, or the environment.

The additional information is reviewed by various NRC organizational units to assess the adequacy of the applicant's physical plant, procedures, and plans for protection of the public health and safety, common defense and security, and the environment. The NRC review of the information and the findings therefrom form the basis for NRC decisions concerning the issuance, modification, or revocation of licenses for byproduct material.

The burden and cost associated with further statements is included in the burden and cost data for submittal of applications on NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License," which is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.32(f) requires that an application for a license to receive and possess byproduct material for the conduct of any activity which the Commission determines will significantly affect the quality of the environment must be filed at least 9 months prior to commencement of construction of the plant or facility in which the activity will be conducted and shall be accompanied by an environmental report required pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51, Subpart A.

Facilities for commercial waste disposal, or other activities covered by this section, are generally large and complex and have the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. NRC's consideration of environmental effects and balancing of alternatives for the project, as mandated by the "National Environmental Policy Act of 1969," which applies only to Federal Government actions, requires the applicant to submit a comprehensive and detailed environmental report. The NRC licensing staff reviews the environmental report to assure that it is complete and that it considers and balances alternatives for the project in order to best protect the environment.

This section refers to and requires the submission of information pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51. The collection of information, the burden imposed on respondents, and the cost to the Government is contained in the supporting statement for 10 CFR Part 51, which is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0021.

Section 30.32(g) requires that an application for a specific license to use byproduct material in the form of a sealed source or in a device that contains a sealed source must either identify the source or device by manufacturer and model number, as registered with the NRC under Section 32.210 or with an Agreement State, or contain the radiation safety related information that is identified in Section 32.210(c). The section also includes the requirement that the application identify the manufacturer and model number for sources and devices containing radium-226 as registered with a State, and describes information that can be submitted for legacy sources that are not registered. Section 30.32(g)(3) states that the applicant may supply only the manufacturer, model number, and radionuclide and quantity for sealed sources or devices allowed to be distributed without registration of safety information in accordance with Section 32.210(g)(1) of this chapter. Section 30.32(g)(4) states that the applicant may propose constraints on the number and type of sealed sources and devices to be used and the conditions under which they will be used, in lieu of identifying each sealed source if it is not feasible to identify each sealed source and device individually. This information is used to establish that the applicant's proposed equipment and facilities are adequate to protect health and minimize danger to life or property. The NRC review of the information and the findings therefrom form the basis for NRC licensing decisions. NRC Form 313, which is used to collect this information, is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.32(h) requires that, as provided by Section 30.35, certain applications for specific licenses must contain a proposed decommissioning funding plan or a certification of financial assurance for decommissioning. Section 30.35 sets forth the requirements for financial assurance and recordkeeping for decommissioning.

The burden and cost data for the information provided in these applications is included under Section 30.35.

Section 30.32(i) requires applicants that will possess radioactive materials in unsealed form on foils or plated source or sealed in a glass in excess of the quantities in Section 30.72 must either submit an evaluation demonstrating an emergency plan is not needed or to provide an emergency plan. Those requiring an emergency plan must also commit to providing prompt notification to offsite response organizations and NRC in the event of an event triggering the emergency plan. The evaluation or emergency plans are submitted in the new

license application, amendment, or renewal process. NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License," is used to collect this information and is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

The records and reports required in Section 30.32(i) are necessary for the Commission to determine whether the applicant will be able to respond adequately to an accident and to provide the proper notifications to NRC and off site response organizations to adequately protect the public health and safety in the event of an accident.

Section 30.32(i) requires that an application from a medical facility, educational institution, or Federal facility for authorization to produce Positron Emission Tomography (PET) radioactive drugs for noncommercial transfer to licensees in its consortium authorized for medical use include evidence of an existing license for a PET radionuclide production facility within the consortium, the applicant's and authorized user's qualifications, and confirmation that the PET drugs are to be non-commercially transferred. The NRC review of the information and the findings therefrom form the basis for NRC licensing decisions. NRC Form 313, which is used to collect this information, is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.32(i)(3) requires that licensees must notify the NRC when an existing authorized nuclear pharmacist (ANP) begins working at the pharmacy that produces PET drugs as provided under 10 CFR 32.72(b)(2).

Section 30.34(b) requires that the licensee provide full information before transferring, assigning, or in any manner disposing of any license through transfer of control to any person. No action is required of a licensee unless and until a transfer of control is initiated.

The information required by Section 30.34(b) is used only to verify that the licensing information that was previously submitted on Form 313, "Application for Material License," is still correct, and to permit the NRC to determine whether the proposed licensee provides adequate resources to protect public health and safety. The NRC review of the information and the findings therefore form the basis for NRC licensing decisions.

Section 30.34(e) permits the Commission to incorporate in any license issued pursuant to the regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30-36 and 39, by appropriate rule, regulation or order, additional requirements and conditions with respect to the licensee's receipt, possession, use, and transfer of byproduct material. In addition, reports and maintaining the records may be required, as necessary, to fulfill the purposes of the Atomic Energy Act and regulations of the Commission.

Established Standard License Conditions:

These conditions are developed based on the licensee's particular facilities, equipment, or type of use of material or based on the category of use of radioactive material (e.g., radiography, medical human use, etc.). These conditions are used by all NRC regions to ensure that provisions for protection of public health and safety are imposed consistently among licensees. A selection of commonly used established standard license conditions which contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements are described in detail below.

Conditions 22 and 23. Licensed material shall only be used by, or under the supervision of, individuals designated, in writing, by the Radiation Safety Committee (condition 22). The licensee shall maintain records of individuals designated as users for 3 years after the individual's last use of licensed material. Licensed material shall be used by or under the supervision of individuals designated, in writing, by the Radiation Safety Officer (condition 23). The licensee shall maintain records of individuals designated as users for 3 years after the individual's last use of licensed material.

Condition 26. Licensed material contained in fixed gauges and self-shielded irradiators shall be used by, or under the supervision of, individuals who have received the training described in an application. The licensee shall maintain records of individuals designated as users for 3 years following the last use of licensed material by the individual.

Condition 140. Certain licensees may be authorized to hold radioactive material with a physical half-life of less than or equal to 65 or 120 days for decay-in-storage before disposal in ordinary trash, provided it is held for decay a minimum of 10 half-lives, is determined that its radioactivity cannot be distinguished from background, and all radiation labels are removed or obliterated. The licensee shall maintain a record of each such disposal permitted under this license condition for 3 years. The record must include the date of disposal, the date on which the byproduct material was placed in storage, the radionuclides disposed, the survey instrument used, the background dose rate, the dose rate measured at the surface of each waste container, and the name of the individual who performed the disposal.

Condition 164. The licensee shall conduct a physical inventory every 6 months, or at other intervals approved by the NRC, to account for all sources and/or devices received and possessed under the license. Records of inventories shall be maintained for 5 years from the date of each inventory and shall include the radionuclides, quantities, manufacturer's name and model numbers, and the date of the inventory.

Condition 165(i). The licensee must maintain records of leak test results in units of microcuries for 5 years.

The new technology/uses standard license conditions:

These conditions are imposed on individual licensees and groups of licensees engaged in new materials uses or the use of new technologies in established materials uses. These conditions are developed to account for the unique properties of the new uses or new technologies and used to ensure the same degree of public health and safety is applied uniformly for similar established and developing materials uses. In most cases, the new technology/uses standard recordkeeping conditions are used to modify the specific information required in recordkeeping requirements for a similar established use. These are also used to document alternative procedures needed to meet the objective of a procedure specifically included in the regulations or established standard license conditions (such as leak test that cannot be performed as described in either the regulations or the established standard leak test license condition). In a few cases, the recordkeeping requirement will be needed to assure unique safety significant information is retained. The new technology/uses standard license conditions may also be used to ensure reporting of events involving the new materials uses and new technologies that are substantially the same as existing reportable events contained in the regulations but are not technically described in the regulation (e.g., reporting an error in the medical use of an emerging medical technology when the unique characteristics of the technology are not specifically addressed in the medical event reporting regulation).

Orders

This regulation is also cited as the authority, when necessary, for the issuance of orders for the modification of licenses. The Commission may issue an order when licensees are not in compliance with the existing regulations, or in cases where a new safety issue is identified and the existing regulations are not adequate. In addition, orders may be issued when a new threat to the common defense and security has occurred. Typically the Commission may issue 2 to 3 orders per year. However, in light of the events on September 11, 2001, certain licensees are required to take compensatory actions against terrorist threats. These compensatory actions are issued as orders and may range in numbers from a few orders a year to several hundred. However, recently, many security-related orders were rescinded for NRC licensees due to the implementation of 10 CFR Part 37 "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material." These security-related orders currently remain in place for Agreement State Licensees.

When the issuance of such orders involves the imposition of reporting or recordkeeping requirements, requests for OMB clearance of the specific information collection requirements are submitted, as necessary.

The information is used by the NRC staff to verify that the licensee has performed required actions in a complete and timely manner.

Section 30.34(f) requires that licensees that must submit emergency plans in accordance with Section 30.32(i) shall follow the emergency plan approved by the NRC. The licensee may change the approved without NRC approval only if the changes do not decrease effectiveness of the plan. It also requires the licensee to furnish the change to the NRC and to affected offsite response organizations within six months after the change is made. Proposed changes that decrease, or potentially decrease, the effectiveness of the approved emergency plan may not be implemented without prior application to and prior approval by the NRC.

The reports required in Section 30.34(f) are necessary for the NRC to determine whether the applicant will be able to respond adequately to an accident and to provide the proper notifications to NRC and offsite response organizations to adequately protect the public health and safety in the event of an accident.

Section 30.34(g) requires each licensee preparing technetium-99m radio-pharmaceuticals from molybdenum-99/technetium-99m generators or rubidium-82 from strontium-82/rubidium-82 generators to test the generator elute for molybdenum-99 breakthrough or strontium-82 and strontium-85 contamination, respectively, in accordance with Section 35.204. The licensee is required to record the results of each test and maintain records of the test results for three years.

The requirement to maintain the records of test results is necessary to permit the NRC inspection staff to determine that nuclear pharmacy licensees and broad medical licensees have conducted the tests to determine the amount of molybdenum-99 in technetium-99 or strontium-82 and strontium-85 in rubidium-82 radioactive drugs before administration to patients. If excessive molybdenum-99, strontium-82, or strontium-85 is present, it would result in unnecessary radiation doses to patients.

Section 30.34(h) requires that each specific licensee and certain general licensees immediately notify the appropriate NRC regional administrator, in writing, following the filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the licensee or a controlling or affiliate entity. No action is required of a licensee unless and until a petition for bankruptcy is filed.

This information is needed because a licensee who is experiencing severe economic hardship may not be capable of carrying out licensed activities in a manner that protects public health and safety. In particular, a licensee involved in bankruptcy proceedings can have problems affecting payment for proper handling of licensed radioactive material and for decontamination and decommissioning of the licensed facility in a safe manner. Improper materials handling or decontamination activities can lead to spread of contamination throughout a licensee's facility and the potential for dispersion of contaminated material offsite. Financial difficulties can also result in problems affecting the licensee's waste disposal activities.

The information provided by the notification is used by the NRC regional inspection and licensing staff, in consultation with headquarters legal and program staff, to determine the need for prompt NRC response or regulatory action in the event of a potential hazard to public health and safety posed by a licensee that does not have the resources to properly secure the licensed material or clean up possible contamination. In addition, prompt notification would allow the Commission to take timely and appropriate action in a bankruptcy proceeding to seek to have available assets of the licensee applied to cover costs of cleanup before funds are disbursed and become unavailable for cleanup.

Section 30.34(j)(2)(i) requires that each licensee authorized to produce PET radioactive drugs for noncommercial transfer to medical use licensees in its consortium must satisfy the labeling requirements in 10 CFR 32.72(a)(4) for each PET radioactive drug transport radiation shield and each syringe, vial, or other container used to hold a PET radioactive drug intended for noncommercial distribution to members of its consortium.

Section 30.34(j)(2)(ii) requires that each licensee authorized to produce PET radioactive drugs for noncommercial transfer to medical use licensees in its consortium must possess and use instrumentation to measure the radioactivity of the PET radioactive drugs intended for noncommercial distribution to members of its consortium and meet the procedural, radioactivity measurement, instrument test, instrument check, and instrument adjustment requirements in § 32.72(c) of this chapter.

Section 30.34(k) requires licensees, if required by the Additional Protocol, to file with the Commission location information described in 10 CFR 75.11 of this chapter. The burden for 10 CFR Part 75 is cleared under OMB Clearance No 3150-0055.

Section 30.35 sets forth the requirements for financial assurance and recordkeeping for decommissioning. Sections 30.35(a) and (b) specify which licensees are required to submit a decommissioning funding plan or a certification that financial assurance for decommissioning has been provided. Sections 30.35(c) and (d) specify the criteria for and required amounts of financial assurance for decommissioning. Section 30.35(e) specifies the content of the decommissioning funding plan and requires that decommissioning cost estimates be updated and submitted at the time of license renewal and at intervals not to exceed three years. Section 30.35(f) requires that the financial instrument used for decommissioning funding assurance include the licensee's name, license number, and docket number, and the name, address, and other contact information of the issuer, and if a trust is used, the trustee. If there are any changes to this information, the licensee must submit financial instruments reflecting these changes to the NRC within 30 days. Section 30.35(f) also specifies acceptable methods for providing for financial assurance for decommissioning: either through prepayment; a surety method, insurance or other guarantee method; or, in the case of Government licensees, a statement of intent containing a cost estimate for decommissioning.

Section 30.35(g) requires that each person licensed under 10 CFR Parts 30, 32-36, and 39 keep records of information important to the safe and effective decommissioning of the facility until the license is terminated by the Commission. Licensees are required to list in a single document (to be held by the licensee and updated once every two years) identification of all restricted areas where licensed materials were used or stored, all areas outside of restricted areas where documentation is required for unusual occurrences or spills, and all areas outside of restricted areas where waste has been buried or which contain material such that, if the license expired, the licensee would be required to either decontaminate the area or seek special approval for disposal. This information is needed by the NRC to ensure that no future users of the site will be inadvertently exposed to radiation.

Section 30.35(h) specifies that each licensee must use its financial assurance funds only for decommissioning activities. It also requires monitoring by the licensee of its investment balance in the decommissioning trust account. If the investment balance in the trust account is below the estimated cost of decommissioning, but is not below 75 percent of the cost, then the licensee must, within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter, deposit funds into the trust account to fully cover the estimated cost. If at any time the loss results in a balance that is below 75 percent of the amount necessary to cover the decommissioning cost, the licensee must, within 30 days of such occurrence, deposit funds into the trust account to fully cover the estimated cost. The licensee must report taking such actions to the NRC within 30 days of the occurrence.

The records and reports required by Section 30.35 are necessary for the Commission to determine whether an applicant will be able to carry out the requirements of Section 30.36 which specify that licensed premises must be decontaminated to a level "suitable for release for unrestricted use" before the license may be terminated. NRC will review the information to ensure that adequate funds will be available to ensure that the applicant will conduct decontamination efforts in a timely manner and minimize exposure of workers to radioactive materials. The information will also be used to ensure that the decontamination efforts will reduce the residual radioactive contamination sufficiently to protect the public health and safety after the site is released for unrestricted use.

Section 30.36 specifies procedures for terminating licensee responsibility for nuclear materials and clarifies that a license will continue in effect, with respect to possession of byproduct material, until the Commission notifies the licensee in writing that the license is terminated. Section 30.36(d) requires each licensee to notify the Commission in writing of its decision not to renew its license and to either begin decommissioning its site or submit within 12 months of notification a decommissioning plan. Section 30.36(e) requires that coincident with the notification required by Section 30.36(d), licensees maintain all decommissioning financial assurances established by the licensee pursuant to Section 30.35. Section 30.36(e)(2) allows, following approval of the decommissioning plan, that a licensee may reduce the amount of the financial assurance as decommissioning proceeds and radiological contamination is reduced at the site with the approval of the Commission. Section 30.36(g) requires that a decommissioning plan be submitted, if required by license condition or if the proposed procedures and activities necessary to carry out the decommissioning have not been previously approved by the Commission, and these procedures could increase potential health and safety impacts to workers or to the public.

Section 30.36(h) requires licensees in certain circumstances to request license termination (a license amendment process whose burden and cost is included in the supporting statement for NRC Form 313, which is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120).

All of the above information required by Section 30.36 is reviewed by the NRC to determine that there is no significant risk to public health and safety before a licensee's responsibility for nuclear materials is terminated and a facility is released for unrestricted use.

Section 30.36(i) requires, as a final step in decommissioning, that a licensee certify the disposition of all licensed material, including accumulated wastes, by submitting a completed NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials." In addition, this section requires that the licensee conduct a radiation survey of the site where the licensed activities were carried out and note on NRC Form 314

whether or not the survey was conducted and, if so, attach the results, if not separately forwarded to NRC. The radiation survey, similar to those generated during operations, is required to confirm the absence of radioactive materials or to establish the level of residual radioactive contamination. The information on disposal of nuclear materials and the survey are considered the minimum information necessary to establish a record to support a finding that a license can be safely terminated. NRC Form 314 is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0028.

Section 30.37 requires that an application for renewal of a specific license be filed in accordance with Section 30.32. The NRC reviews the information submitted to determine whether an applicant for a license renewal has the training, experience, equipment, facilities, and procedures for the use of byproduct material that are adequate to protect the public health and safety.

The burden and cost data for these applications for renewal of specific licenses have been included in the supporting statement for NRC Form 313, which is cleared under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120.

Section 30.38 requires that an application for amendment of a license be filed in accordance with Section 30.32. The NRC reviews the information submitted to determine whether the licensee has the training, experience, equipment, facilities, and procedures for the use of byproduct material that are adequate to protect the public health and safety. It also requires that applications for amendment of sealed source and device registration certificates must be files in accordance with Section 32.210 and any other applicable provisions.

The burden and cost data for these applications for license amendments have been included in the supporting statements for NRC Form 313 (see OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120) and 10 CFR Part 32 (see OMB Clearance No. 3150-0001).

Sections 30.41(c) and (d). Section 30.41(c) requires that, before transferring byproduct material to a specific licensee or a general licensee who is required to register prior to receipt of byproduct material, the transferor must verify that the transferee's license authorizes receipt of the type, form, and quantity of byproduct material to be transferred. Section 30.41(d) specifies methods acceptable to the Commission for accomplishing the required verification, including:

- (1) The transferor may have in his possession, and read, a copy of the transferee's specific license or registration certificate;
- (2) The transferor may have a written certification by the transferee that the transferee is authorized by license or registration certificate to receive the type, form, and quantity of byproduct material to be transferred, specifying the license or registration number, issuing agency, and expiration date;

- (3) For emergency shipments, the transferor may accept oral certification from the transferee, provided it is confirmed in writing within 10 days;
- (4) The transferor may obtain other sources of information compiled by a reporting service from official records of the Commission or Agreement State licensing agency; or
- (5) When the above methods of verification are not readily available or when a transferor desires to verify that information received by one of the above methods is correct or up-to-date, the transferor may obtain and record confirmation from the Commission or Agreement State licensing agency.

The information required by Sections 30.41(c) and (d) is used by transferring licensees to provide assurance that the licensed byproduct material is being transferred to a person who is authorized to receive it. This verification serves as an additional check to prevent transfer of byproduct material to persons who may not have the facilities, training, experience, equipment, or procedures necessary for the safe handling of the material. Records of these certifications will be reviewed by NRC inspectors during periodic inspections to ensure that licensees have been complying with verification requirements.

Section 30.50 requires licensees to notify NRC of events or conditions that threaten the health and safety of individuals either using or potentially exposed to licensed material.

Section 30.50(a) requires licensees to notify the NRC as soon as possible, but no later than 4 hours after discovery, of events that prevent immediate protective actions necessary to avoid exposures to radiation or radioactive materials that could exceed regulatory limits or releases of licensed material that could exceed the regulatory limits.

Section 30.50(b) requires licensees to notify the NRC within 24 hours after the discovery of any of the following events involving licensed material. Licensees must report unplanned contamination events, such as those in which access to an area must be restricted for more than 24 hours by imposing additional radiological controls or by prohibiting entry into the area. It is important that the NRC be notified in such cases because accidental contamination events increase radiation exposure and the risk of ingesting radioactive material. Licensees are required to report events in which equipment necessary to prevent releases of radioactive material exceeding regulatory limits, to prevent overexposure to radiation, or to mitigate the consequences of an accident is disabled or fails to function as designed. This includes procedural errors, equipment failure, and equipment damage among other unplanned situations. This notification is necessary in situations in which there are no backup systems available to perform the required safety function. Notification is not required for an individual component failure if redundant systems are operable and available to automatically perform the required function. Licensees are required to report events that require medical treatment of a radioactively contaminated individual

at a medical facility. Such events are significant because they may: (1) indicate safety problems in a licensed operation, (2) risk internal contamination through open wounds, and (3) expose medical personnel to radiation and contamination. Prompt notification is necessary so that NRC can ensure that an evaluation is performed and that measures are taken to prevent recurrence. Licensees are also required to report all fires and explosions damaging any licensed material or any device, container, or equipment containing licensed material, so that such events may be promptly evaluated and measures taken to minimize any spread of contamination and determine the performance of features designed to control licensed material.

Licensees are required to make the reports required by Sections 30.50(a) and (b) by telephone to the NRC Operations Center.

Section 30.50(c)(2) requires that, in addition to the telephone report, licensees must submit a written follow-up report within 30 days which includes, in addition to descriptive information, an evaluation of the probable cause, a description of corrective actions taken or planned, and the results of any evaluations or assessments.

Section 30.51 establishes overall record retention requirements applicable to byproduct material licensees for cases in which retention periods are not otherwise specified in the regulations.

Section 30.51(a) requires that each licensee who receives byproduct material must keep records showing the receipt, transfer, and disposal of the byproduct material. It provides for retention of records of receipt of byproduct material as long as the material is possessed by the licensee and for three years following transfer or disposal of the material, provides a three-year retention period for records of transfer of byproduct material for the transferor (unless a specific requirement in another part of the regulations in this chapter dictates otherwise), and provides that records of disposal of licensed material must be maintained until the Commission terminates the license that authorizes the disposal of the material.

Section 30.51(b) requires licensees to retain records that are required by the regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30-36 and 39 or by license conditions must be maintained for the period specified by the appropriate regulation or license condition. In any case in which a retention period is not specified, the records must be maintained until the Commission terminates the license that authorizes the subject activity.

Sections 30.51(d) and (f) requires that the licensee transfer disposal records, survey records and other records important to decommissioning to the NRC prior to license termination.

Section 30.51(e) requires the licensee transfer disposal records and other assorted records important to decommissioning to the new licensee.

Records are necessary as a primary source for determination that licensees have confined their possession and use of byproduct material to the locations and purposes authorized in the licenses and have not violated or failed to observe any of the terms and provisions of the Atomic Energy Act or any regulation or order of the Commission. Records of receipt can demonstrate that the licensee has received byproduct material of the element and mass number and in the chemical and/or physical form specified in the license. Records of transfer can demonstrate that the licensee has transferred byproduct material of the type, form, and quantity that transferees are authorized to receive. Records of disposal can demonstrate that the licensee has obtained approval of disposal procedures and/or has disposed of byproduct material in accordance with NRC regulations. Records of receipt, transfer, and disposal, taken together, can demonstrate that the licensee has possessed at any one time no more than the maximum quantity of byproduct material authorized in the license. The retention periods provide reasonable assurance that records will be available for Commission inspection after the recorded event.

Section 30.55(c) requires that each person who is authorized to possess tritium shall report promptly to the appropriate NRC regional office any incident in which any attempt has been made or is believed to have been made to commit a theft or unlawful diversion of more than 10 curies of such material at any one time or 100 curies of such material in any one calendar year. The initial report shall be followed within 15 days by a written report which contains the details of the incident, its consequences, and any substantive additional information.

The information submitted by licensees under this requirement is used by the regional office to determine whether there has been a diversion or other loss of material and to initiate prompt action in the event of such diversion or loss. The written reports submitted to NRC regional offices are duplicate copies of reports filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the theft or unlawful diversion of tritium.

Appendix A establishes criteria for parent companies to pass the financial test and to obtain a parent company financial guarantee. It specifies various financial ratios, including net worth and asset/liability ratios, and bond ratings. It requires that the licensee notify the NRC within 90 days of any matters coming to the attention of the independent auditor which cause the auditor to believe that the data specified in the financial test should be adjusted and that the company no longer passes the test. Also, after the initial financial test, the parent company must annually pass the test and provide documentation of its continued eligibility to use the parent company guarantee, to the NRC within 90 days after the close of each succeeding fiscal year. If the parent company no longer meets the financial test requirements, the licensee must send notice to the NRC of intent to establish alternate financial assurance as specified in the NRC's regulations. The notice must be sent within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year for which year-end financial data show that the company no longer meets the financial test requirements. These notices are necessary to either permit the NRC to take

action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site or confirm that the parent company still meets the applicable criteria.

Appendix C establishes criteria for companies to pass the financial test and to obtain a self-guarantee for financial assurance. It specifies various financial ratios, including net worth ratios, and bond ratings. It requires that the licensee notify the NRC within 90 days of any matters coming to the attention of the independent auditor which cause the auditor to believe that the data specified in the financial test should be adjusted and that the company no longer passes the test. Also, after the initial financial test, the company must annually pass the test and provide documentation of its continued eligibility to use the self-guarantee, to the NRC within 90 days after the close of each succeeding fiscal year. If the company no longer meets the financial test requirements, the licensee must send immediate notice to NRC of intent to establish alternate financial assurance as specified in the Commission's regulations within 120 days of such notice. The licensee will promptly forward to the NRC and the licensee's independent auditor all reports covering the latest fiscal year filed by the licensee with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. If at any time, the licensee's most recent bond issuance ceases to be rated in any category of "A-" or above by either Standard and Poors or in any category of "A3" and above by Moody's, the licensee must notify NRC within 20 days. Appendix C requires guarantors to notify the NRC, in writing, immediately following the occurrence of any event listed in paragraph H of Appendix C. The notification must include a description of the event, including major creditors, the amounts involved, and the actions taken to assure that the amount of funds guaranteed by the self-guarantee agreement for decommissioning will be transferred to the standby trust as soon as possible. These notices are necessary to permit the NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site or confirm that the company still meets the applicable criteria.

Appendix D establishes criteria for companies with no outstanding rated bonds to pass the financial test when they furnish their own guarantee that funds will be available for decommissioning cost. It specifies net tangible worth, assets, ratios of cash flow and ratios of these to the total current decommissioning cost estimates. It requires that the licensee notify the NRC within 90 days of any matters coming to the attention of the independent auditor which cause the auditor to believe that the data specified in the financial test should be adjusted and that the company no longer passes the test. Also, after the initial financial test, the company must annually pass the test and provide documentation of its continued eligibility to use the self-guarantee, to the NRC within 90 days after the close of each succeeding fiscal year. If the company no longer meets the financial test requirements, the licensee must notify the NRC within 90 days of intent to establish alternate financial assurance as specified in the Commission's regulations within 120 days. These notices are necessary to permit NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for

decommissioning the licensee's site or confirm that the company still meets the applicable criteria.

Appendix E establishes the criteria for nonprofit colleges, universities and hospitals to pass the financial test when they furnish their own guarantee that funds will be available to cover the decommissioning cost. It specifies bonds, unrestricted endowment, total revenue ratios, current assets, operating revenues and various other financial ratios. It requires that the licensee notify the NRC within 90 days of any matters coming to the attention of the independent auditor which cause the auditor to believe that the data specified in the financial test should be adjusted and that the company no longer passes the test. Also, after the initial financial test, the licensee must repeat passage of the test and provide documentation of its continued eligibility to use the self-guarantee, to the NRC within 90 days after the close of each succeeding fiscal year. If the company no longer meets the financial test requirements, the licensee must send notice within 90 days to NRC of intent to establish alternate financial assurance as specified in the Commission's regulations within 120 days. If at any time, the licensee's most recent bond issuance ceases to be rated in any category of "A" or above by either Standard and Poors or Moody's, the licensee must notify NRC within 20 days. Appendix E requires guarantors to notify the NRC, in writing, immediately following the occurrence of any event listed in paragraph G of Appendix E. The notification must include a description of the event, including major creditors, the amounts involved, and the actions taken to assure that the amount of funds guaranteed by the self-guarantee agreement for decommissioning will be transferred to the standby trust as soon as possible. These notices are necessary to permit NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site or confirm that the company still meets the applicable criteria.

2. Agency Use of the Information

The records that 10 CFR Part 30 requires the licensees to maintain are reviewed during inspections, license renewals, and license amendment reviews to evaluate compliance with NRC radiation safety requirements for possession and use of byproduct material.

The records of receipt, transfer, and disposal of byproduct material are reviewed by the NRC inspectors to determine that licensees have confined their possession and use of byproduct material to the locations, purposes, receipt, and quantities authorized in their licenses.

Reports of significant safety events and theft of radioactive material are used by the agency in evaluating the protective actions required to avoid exposures to radiation or releases of radioactive materials that could exceed regulatory limits and, therefore, impact public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment.

Bankruptcy reports, decommissioning plans, decommissioning funding plans, and certifications of financial assurance for decommissioning are reviewed by the NRC to ensure that a licensee has adequate procedures and funds for any necessary clean-up efforts before a licensee's responsibility for byproduct materials is terminated and the site is released for unrestricted use.

3. Reduction of Burden through Information Technology

There are no legal obstacles to reducing the burden associated with this information collection. The NRC encourages respondents to use information technology when it would be beneficial to them. The NRC issued a regulation on October 10, 2003 (68 FR 58791), consistent with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, which allows its licensees, vendors, applicants, and members of the public the option to make submissions electronically via CD-ROM, e-mail, special Web-based interface, or other means. It is estimated that approximately 5% of the potential responses are filed electronically.

4. Effort to Identify Duplication and Use Similar Information

No sources of similar information are available. There is no duplication of requirements. The NRC has in place an ongoing program to examine all information collections with the goal of eliminating all duplication and/or unnecessary information collections.

5. Effort to Reduce Small Business Burden

The majority of licensees who use byproduct material are small businesses. Since the health and safety consequences of improper handling or use of radioactive byproduct material are the same for large and small entities, it is not possible to reduce the burden on small businesses by less frequent or less complete reporting, recordkeeping, or accounting and control procedures.

6. Consequences to Federal Program or Policy Activities if the Collection Is Not Conducted or Is Conducted Less Frequently

If the information is not collected, the NRC will have no way to assess whether this category of licensee is operating within the radiation safety requirements applicable to the possession, use, or transfer of byproduct material.

The required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. Applications for new licenses and amendments are submitted only once. Applications for renewal of licenses are usually submitted every 10 years. Information submitted in previous applications may be referenced without being resubmitted. The schedule for collecting the information is the minimum frequency necessary to assure that licensees will continue to conduct programs in a manner that will assure adequate protection of public health and safety.

7. Circumstances Which Justify Variation from OMB Guidelines

Contrary to the Office of Management and Budget Guidelines (OMB) in 5 CFR 1320.6(b), the NRC requires some information to be submitted in less than 30 days:

- Section 30.9(b) requires that licensees submit a notification to NRC in less than 30 days from the date of identifying information having significant implications for the public health and safety or the common defense and security and which is not covered by other reporting requirements. The requirement to provide notification within two working days following the identification of the information is necessary to ensure that NRC is made aware of the significant safety information so as to take prompt action to protect the public health and safety.
- Section 30.34(h) requires that licensees submit a notification to NRC in less than 30 days from the date of filing of a petition for bankruptcy. The requirement to provide notification promptly following the filing of the petition is necessary to ensure that the NRC is made aware of the bankruptcy so as to take effective action to protect the public health and safety. Allowing a period of 30 or more days to elapse might preclude the NRC from becoming aware of the licensee's distressed financial circumstances in time to prevent the development or aggravation of a potential hazard to the public. Moreover, the United States Code contains requirements regarding notification of creditors in bankruptcy. Section 30.34(h) would require one additional notification. Notifying the NRC promptly after the filing of the petition would in fact be less of a burden on the bankrupt licensee than a separate notification later in the proceedings.
- Section 30.50(a) requires licensees to notify the NRC immediately (i.e., within 4 hours) by telephone of events or conditions that threaten the health and safety of individuals using licensed material or that prevent the performance of surveys or other safety-related duties necessary to maintain control over licensed material. It is important that the NRC be notified in such cases because accidental contamination events increase radiation exposure and the risk of ingesting radioactive material. Immediate notification is needed so that such events may be promptly evaluated and measures taken to minimize any spread of contamination and determine the performance of features designed to control licensed material.
- Section 30.50(b) requires licensees to notify the NRC within 24 hours after the discovery of specific events involving licensed material in the following situations: 1) in unplanned contamination events, 2) events in which equipment is disabled or fails to function as designed, 3) events requiring unplanned medical treatment at a medical facility of an individual with spreadable radioactive contamination on the individual's clothing or body, or 4) an unplanned fire or explosion damaging any licensed material or any device, container, or equipment containing licensed material. Prompt notification is necessary so that NRC can ensure that an evaluation is performed and that measures are taken to prevent recurrence. Licensees

are also required to report all fires and explosions damaging any licensed material or any device, container, or equipment containing licensed material, so that such events may be promptly evaluated and measures taken to minimize any spread of contamination and determine the performance of features designed to control licensed material.

- Section 30.55(c) requires that each person who is authorized to possess tritium shall report promptly to the appropriate NRC regional office, by telephone and telegraph, mailgram, or facsimile, any incident in which any attempt has been made or is believed to have been made to commit a theft or unlawful diversion of more than 10 curies of such material at any one time or 100 curies of such material in any one calendar year. The initial report must be followed within 15 days by a written report setting forth the details of the incident and its consequences. Receipt of these reports in less than 30 days is necessary to permit the regional office to determine whether there has been a diversion or other loss of material and to initiate prompt action in the event of such diversion or loss. The written reports submitted to NRC regional offices which set forth the details of the incident, its consequences, and any substantive additional information are duplicate copies of reports filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the theft or unlawful diversion of tritium.
- Appendix C requires licensees to notify the NRC immediately if the company no longer meets the financial test requirements, of its intent to establish alternate financial assurance as specified in the Commission's regulations within 120 days. It is important that the NRC be notified immediately in such cases to permit the NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site so that the decommissioning will be carried out in a manner which protects public health and safety.
- Appendix C requires licensees to notify the NRC within 20 days if at any time, the licensee's most recent bond issuance ceases to be rated in any category of "A-" or above by Standard and Poor's or in any category of "A3" and above by Moody's. It is important that the NRC be notified promptly in such cases to permit NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site so that the decommissioning will be carried out in a manner which protects public health and safety.
- Appendix C requires guarantors to notify the NRC, in writing, immediately following the occurrence of any event listed in paragraph H of Appendix C. The notification must include a description of the event, including major creditors, the amounts involved, and the actions taken to assure that the amount of funds guaranteed by the self-guarantee agreement for decommissioning will be transferred to the standby trust as soon as possible. It is important that the NRC be notified promptly in such cases to permit NRC

to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site so that the decommissioning will be carried out in a manner which protects public health and safety.

- Appendix E requires licensees to notify NRC within 20 days if at any time, the licensee's most recent bond issuance ceases to be rated in any category of "A" or above by either Standard and Poor's or Moody's. It is important that the NRC be notified promptly in such cases to permit NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site so that the decommissioning will be carried out in a manner which protects public health and safety.
- Appendix E requires guarantors to notify the NRC, in writing, immediately following the occurrence of any event listed in paragraph G of Appendix E. The notification must include a description of the event, including major creditors, the amounts involved, and the actions taken to assure that the amount of funds guaranteed by the self-guarantee agreement for decommissioning will be transferred to the standby trust as soon as possible. It is important that the NRC be notified promptly in such cases to permit NRC to take action to ensure that alternative means of financial assurance are available for decommissioning the licensee's site so that the decommissioning will be carried out in a manner which protects public health and safety.

Contrary to the Office of Management and Budget Guidelines (OMB) in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2), the NRC requires some records to be maintained for longer than 3 years:

- Condition 164 requires that records of inventories be maintained for 5 years from the date of each inventory so that they will be available for review during inspections for materials accountability.
- Condition 165(i) requires that licensees maintain records of leak tests results for 5 years so that they will be available for review during inspections to demonstrate compliance with NRC radiation safety requirements.
- Section 30.35(g) requires that licensees keep records important to the safe and effective decommissioning of the facility until the site is released for unrestricted use. It is necessary that the records be retained longer than 3 years so that the Commission may determine whether an applicant will be able to carry out the requirements of Section 30.36 which specify that licensed premises must be decontaminated to a level "suitable for release for unrestricted use" before the license may be terminated. The NRC reviews the information to ensure that adequate funds will be available to ensure that the applicant will conduct decontamination efforts in a timely manner and minimize exposure of workers to radioactive materials. The information is

also used to ensure that the decontamination efforts will reduce the residual radioactive contamination sufficiently to protect the public health and safety after the site is released for unrestricted use.

- Section 30.51(a) requires retention of records of receipt of byproduct material as long as the material is possessed and for three years following transfer or disposal, provides a three-year retention period for records of transfer of byproduct material, and provides that records of disposal of licensed material must be maintained until the Commission terminates the license. Section 30.51(b) requires licensees to retain records that are required by the regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30-36 and 39, or by license conditions, must be maintained for the period specified by the appropriate regulation or license condition. In any case in which a retention period is not specified, the records must be maintained until the Commission authorizes their disposition.

These records are necessary as a primary source for determination that licensees have confined their possession and use of byproduct material to the locations and purposes authorized in the licenses and have not violated or failed to observe any of the terms and provisions of the Atomic Energy Act or any regulation or order of the Commission. Records of receipt can demonstrate that the licensee has received byproduct material of the element and mass number and in the chemical and/or physical form specified in the license. Records of transfer can demonstrate that the licensee has transferred byproduct material of the type, form, and quantity that transferees are authorized to receive. Records of disposal can demonstrate that the licensee has obtained approval of disposal procedures and/or has disposed of byproduct material in accordance with NRC regulations. Records of receipt, transfer, and disposal, taken together, can demonstrate that the licensee has possessed at any one time, no more than the maximum quantity of byproduct material authorized in the license. Retention for longer than three years, where required, is necessary to provide reasonable assurance that records will be available for Commission inspection after the recorded event.

8. Consultations Outside the NRC

Opportunity for public comment on the information collection requirements for this clearance package has been published in the Federal Register.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

Not applicable.

10. Confidentiality of the Information

Confidential and proprietary information is protected in accordance with NRC regulations at 10 CFR 9.17(a) and 10 CFR 2.390(b).

However, no information normally considered confidential or proprietary is requested.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

This information collection does not involve sensitive questions.

12. Estimated Burden and Burden Hour Cost

The estimates are based on submittals to NRC in past years. The cost to licensees and applicants is calculated at a rate of \$279 per hour for professional staff for the technical reports and records prepared in response to the 10 CFR Part 30 information collection requirements. This rate is based on NRC's fully recoverable fee rate. The recordkeeping requirements in Sections 30.41(c) and (d), and 30.51 are calculated at a rate of \$47 per hour, because these requirements can be fulfilled using automated equipment, computer-generated reports and administrative/clerical staff.

The number of NRC licensees is based on the number of NRC Materials Licenses in the Licensing Tracking System database in April 2015. This results in a total estimated number of NRC licensees of approximately 2,600.

The estimated number of Agreement State licensees (17,988) is based on information contained in NRC's 2014-2015 Information Digest (NUREG-1350, Volume 26). The NRC establishes a ratio based on the total number of similarly licensed NRC licensees to the total number of estimated Agreement State licensees. The NRC uses this ratio of the total of NRC licensees (subject to Part 30) to the total number Agreement State licensees to estimate the Agreement State burden for each section.

The NRC estimates that there is approximately 6.9 times the number of Agreement State licensees as there are NRC licensees. The change from the previous estimate of 6.5 to 6.9 (Agreement States burdens is 17,988/2,600 approximately 6.3) is based on (1) the most recent estimate of 2,600 similar NRC licensees and (2) the estimated 17,988 Agreement State licenses.

NRC Licensees:

The total annual burden is estimated to be about 32,803 hours per year for the approximately 2,600 licensees covered by 10 CFR Part 30. The details are shown in Tables 1, 2, and 3. All 2,600 NRC licensees are recordkeepers; however, only a portion of these respondents are annually reporting under Part 30.

Cost for NRC licensees at \$47/hour = \$453,174 [9,642 hours (9,342 recordkeeping hours for Sections 30.41(c)&(d) and 30.51 + 225 reporting hours for Sections 30.51(d)&(f) + 75 hours for third-party disclosures for Section 30.51(e)].

Cost for NRC licensees at \$279/hour = \$6,461,919 [23,161 hours (6,273 recordkeeping hours + 15,093 reporting hours + 1,795 hours for third-party disclosures)].

The total burden for NRC licensees is 32,803 hours (15,615 hours for recordkeeping + 15,318 reporting hours + 1,870 hours for third-party disclosures) at a cost of \$6,915,093.

Agreement State Licensees:

Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 provides a statutory basis under which NRC relinquishes to the States portions of its regulatory authority to license and regulate byproduct materials (radioisotopes); source materials (uranium and thorium); and certain quantities of special nuclear materials. The mechanism for the transfer of NRC's authority to a State is an agreement signed by the Governor of the State and the Chairman of the Commission, in accordance with section 274b of the Act. Licensees operating in these "Agreement States" are referred to in this supporting statement as "Agreement State Licensees."

The NRC has established compatibility requirements for Agreement states to implement their own regulations in a manner consistent with NRC regulations. The number of NRC licensees is known, whereas the total number of Agreement State licensees is an estimate based on NRC's best information available from the Agreement States. NRC uses the ratio of the total of NRC licensees (subject to Part 30) to the total number Agreement State licensees to estimate the number of Agreement State respondents for each section. NRC uses this ratio approach as the total number of Agreement State licensees subject to various Part 30 Sections is not known exactly and, therefore, must be estimated. The current ratio, based on the number and size of NRC regulated states to Agreement states as discussed in detail above, is approximately 1:6.9 (NRC licensees: Agreement State licensees).

Based on ratios discussed above, the total annual burden is estimated to be about 6.9 times that of NRC licensees (with exceptions for burden regarding Orders) or 241,116 hours per year for the approximately 17,988 Agreement State licensees. The details are shown in Tables 4, 5, and 6.

Cost for the Agreement State licensees at \$47/hour = \$3,044,237 [64,771 hours (62,700 recordkeeping hours for Sections 30.41(c)&(d) and 30.51 + 1,553 reporting hours for Sections 30.51(d)& (f) + 518 hours for third-party disclosures].

Cost for the Agreement State licensees at \$279/hour = \$49,220,343 [176,417 hours (54,391 recordkeeping hours + 109,656 reporting hours + 12,370 hours for third-party disclosures)].

The total burden for Agreement State licensees is 241,188 hours (117,091 hours for recordkeeping + 111,209 reporting hours + 12,888 hours for third-party disclosures) at a cost of \$52,264,580.

Total:

The total Part 30 annual burden is 273,991 hours [132,706 recordkeeping hours + 126,527 reporting hours + 14,758 third-party disclosure hours] for a total cost of \$59,179,673.

13. Estimate of Other Additional Costs

NRC has determined that the records storage cost is roughly proportional to the recordkeeping burden cost. Based on a typical clearance, the records storage cost has been determined to be equal to 0.0004 times of the recordkeeping burden cost. Therefore, the records storage cost for this clearance is \$14,810 (132,706 recordkeeping hours x \$279/hr x 0.0004).

14. Estimated Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

The annual cost for the NRC to review the records and reports required by 10 CFR Part 30 is estimated to be 5,272 hours x \$279/hour, or \$1,470,888. This cost can be broken down into: 4,080 hours, or \$1,138,320, for review of the reports submitted to NRC; and 1,192 hours, or \$332,568, for review of the records during inspections. Additionally, the cost for review of reports associated with review of the decommissioning funding plans and decommissioning plans account for 2,970 hours, or \$828,630. In addition, technical assistance contracts for review of these plans are estimated at \$121,766. Therefore, the total estimated annualized cost to the Federal government for the 10 CFR Part 30 information collection requirements is approximately \$2,421,284. Application review activities for 10 CFR Part 30 licensees are attributed to and reported under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0120 for NRC Form 313. The burden of

certifying the disposition of all licensed material, including accumulated wastes, required for termination of 10 CFR Part 30 licenses is reported under OMB Clearance No. 3150-0028 for NRC Form 314. These costs are fully recovered through fee assessments to NRC licensees pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 170 and/or 171.

15. Reasons for Changes in Burden or Cost

The overall burden has decreased by 28,706 hours from 302,697 hours to 273,991 hours. This includes a decrease of 7,524 hours of NRC licensee overall burden (from 40,327 hours to 32,803 hours) and a decrease of 21,182 hours of Agreement State licensee overall burden (from 262,370 hours to 241,188 hours). Based on the NRC's estimates, the total number of licensees has decreased by approximately 1,503 from 22,091 to 20,588. There was a reduction in the number of NRC licensees, which decreased from 2,959 to approximately 2,600. The decrease in NRC license numbers may be attributed to natural fluctuations in the needs of businesses and other entities in NRC jurisdiction.

The ratio used to estimate Agreement State respondents changed from 6.5 to 6.9 and the estimated number of Agreement State licensees decreased from 19,132 to 17,988. The ratio changed because the difference in the number of NRC licensees versus Agreement States licensees has increased.

The overall decrease in the number of licensees is tied to a corresponding decrease in the number of expected responses for various sections, resulting in an overall decrease in the burden hour estimate. Additionally, recently, many security-related orders were rescinded for NRC licensees due to the implementation of 10 CFR Part 37 "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material" resulting in a decrease in burden accounted for under 10 CFR 30.34(e) for NRC licensees. The security-related orders currently remain in place for Agreement State Licensees.

The burden attributed to third-party disclosures increased by 14,758 hours (from 0 hours to 14,758 hours). This change is due to more accurately accounting for third-party disclosure burden (formerly some of this burden had been accounted for under recordkeeping burden).

There was a change in the overall cost because the hourly rate increased from \$273 to \$279.

16. Publication for Statistical Use

There is no application to statistics in the information collected. There are no plans for publication of this information.

17. Reason for Not Displaying the Expiration Date

The requirements are contained in a regulation. Amending the Code of Federal Regulations to display information that, in an annual publication, could become obsolete would be unduly burdensome and too difficult to keep current.

18. Exceptions to the Certification Statement

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Not applicable.

Table 1. Part 30 Reporting Burden for NRC Licensees¹

Section	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden Hour per Response	Total Annual Reporting Burden (Hours)	Cost @ \$279/Hour
30.9(b)	6	1	6	1	6	1,674
30.11	11	1	11	5	55	15,345
30.32(h)	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
30.32(i)	1	1	1	10	10	2,790
30.32(j)(3)	9	1	9	0.5	5	1,395
30.34(b)	150	1	150	2	300	83,700
30.34(e)(4)	See lines below counted under this regulation					
New technology/uses standard conditions	2	1	2	4	8	2,232
Other Standard License Conditions	200	1	200	1	200	55,800
Orders	10	3	30	1	30	8,370
Safeguards orders	0	1	0	0.5	0	0
30.34(f)	1	1	1	10	10	2,790
30.34(h)	6	1	6	0.5	3	837
30.35(a)&(b)	See lines below counted under these regulations					
Certification	30	1	30	100	3,000	837,000
Funding Plan	11	1	11	300	3,300	920,700
30.35(e), (f), and (h)	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
30.36(d)	166	1	166	1	166	46,314
30.36(e)	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
30.36(e)(2)	6	1	6	6	36	10,044
30.36(g)	14	1	14	360	5,040	1,406,160
30.36(j)	27	1	27	100	2,700	753,300
30.50(a),(b), and (c)	38	1	38	4	152	42,408
30.51(d)	150	1	150	0.5	75	3,525*
30.51(f)	300	1	300	0.5	150	7,050*
30.55(c)	2	1	2	10	20	5,580
Appendix A	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
Appendix C	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
Appendix D	3	1	3	1	3	837
Appendix E	49	1	49	1	49	13,671

¹ Reporting burden for sections 30.3(b)&(c), 30.15(b), 30.18(d), 30.19(b), 30.20(b), 30.21(b), 30.21(c), 30.32(a), 30.32(b), 30.32(f), 30.32(g), 30.36(h), 30.37(a), and 30.38 is covered under OMB clearance number 3150-0120 (Form 313 and 313A series of forms). Reporting burden for section 30.34(k) is covered under OMB clearance number 3150-0055. Reporting burden for sections 30.19(b), 30.20(b), 30.22(b) is also covered under OMB clearance number 3150-0001 (10 CFR Part 32).

Section	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden Hour per Response	Total Annual Reporting Burden (Hours)	Cost @ \$279/Hour
Totals	300		1,212		15,318	4,221,522

*These cost estimates are based on \$47 per hour.

Table 2. Part 30 Recordkeeping Burden for NRC Licensees

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Annual Hours Per Recordkeeper	Total Annual Recordkeeping Hours	Cost @ \$279/Hour
30.32(i)	3	1	3	837
<u>30.34(e)(4)</u>	See lines below counted under this regulation			
Conditions 22 & 23	118	0.5	59	16,461
Condition 26	243	0.5	122	34,038
Condition 140	135	0.5	68	18,972
Condition 164	1,500	0.08	120	33,480
Condition 165(l)	1,500	0.08	120	33,480
New technology/uses standard conditions	80	0.2	16	4,464
Other Standard License Conditions	243	0.5	122	34,038
Orders	10	8	80	22,320
Safeguard orders	0	16	0	0
30.34(g)	40	17	680	189,720
30.34(j)(2)(ii)	9	200	1,800	502,200
30.35(f)	3	1	3	837
30.35(g)	308	10	3,080	859,320
30.41(c)&(d)	134	4	536	25,192*
30.51	2,516	3.5	8,806	413,882*
Totals	2,600		15,615	2,189,241

*These cost estimates are based on \$47 per hour.

Table 3. Part 30 Third-Party Disclosure Burden for NRC Licensees

Section	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden Hour per Response	Total Annual Reporting Burden (Hours)	Cost @ \$279/Hour
30.34(e) – Other Standard License Conditions	50	1	50	1	50	13,950
30.34(f)	1	2	2	2.5	5	1,395
30.34(j)(2)(i)	9	2,000	18,000	0.08	1,440	401,760
30.35(g)	30	1	30	10	300	83,700
30.51(e)	150	1	150	0.5	75	3,525*
Totals	150		18,232		1,870	504,330

*These cost estimates are based on \$47 per hour.

Total NRC Licensee Burden (Tables 1, 2 and 3): 32,803 hours.

Table 4. Part 30 Equivalency Reporting Burden for Agreement State Licensees²

Section	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden Hour per Response	Total Annual Reporting Burden (Hours)	Cost @ \$279/Hour
30.9(b)	41	1	41	1	41	11,439
30.11	76	1	76	5	380	106,020
30.32(h)	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
30.32(i)	7	1	7	10	70	19,530
30.32(j)(3)	62	1	62	0.5	31	8,649
30.34(b)	1,035	1	1,035	2	2,070	577,530
30.34(e)(4)	See lines below counted under this regulation					
New technology/uses standard conditions	14	1	14	4	56	15,624
Other Standard License Conditions	1,380	1	1,380	1	1,380	385,020
Orders	1,864	3	5,592	1	5,592	1,560,168
Safeguards orders	43	1	43	0.5	22	6,138
30.34(f)	7	1	7	5	35	9,765
30.34(h)	41	1	41	0.5	21	5,859
30.35(a)&(b)	See lines below counted under these regulations					
Certification	207	1	207	100	20,700	5,775,300
Funding Plan	76	1	76	300	22,800	6,361,200
30.35(e), (f), and (h)	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
30.36(d)	1,145	1	1,145	1	1,145	319,455
30.36(e)	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
30.36(e)(2)	41	1	41	6	246	68,634
30.36(g)	97	1	97	360	34,920	9,742,680
30.36(j)	186	1	186	100	18,600	5,189,400
30.50(a),(b), and (c)	262	1	262	4	1,048	292,392
30.51(d)	1,035	1	1,035	0.5	518	24,346*
30.51(f)	2,070	1	2,070	0.5	1,035	48,645*
30.55(c)	14	1	14	10	140	39,060
Appendix A	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
Appendix C	Burden included in Section 30.35(a)&(b)					
Appendix D	21	1	21	1	21	5,859
Appendix E	338	1	338	1	338	94,302
Totals	2,070		13,790		111,209	30,667,015

² Reporting burden sections 30.3(b)&(c), 30.15(b), 30.18(d), 30.19(b), 30.20(b), 30.21(b), 30.21(c), 30.32(a), 30.32(b), 30.32(f), 30.32(g), 30.36(h), 30.37(a), and 30.38 is covered under OMB clearance number 3150-0120 (Form 313 and 313A series of forms). Reporting burden for section 30.34(k) is covered under OMB clearance number 3150-0055. Reporting burden for sections 30.19(b), 30.20(b), 30.22(b) is also covered under OMB clearance number 3150-0001 (10 CFR Part 32).

*These cost estimates are based on \$47 per hour.

Table 5. Part 30 Equivalency Recordkeeping Burden for Agreement State Licensees

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Annual Hours Per Recordkeeper	Total Annual Recordkeeping Hours	Cost @ \$279/Hour
30.32(i)	21	1	21	5,859
30.34(e)(4)	See lines below counted under this regulation			
Conditions 22 & 23	814	0.5	407	113,553
Condition 26	1677	0.5	839	234,081
Condition 140	932	0.5	466	130,014
Condition 164	10,350	0.08	828	231,012
Condition 165(l)	10,350	0.08	828	231,012
New technology/uses standard conditions	552	0.2	110	30,690
Other Standard License Conditions	1,677	0.5	839	234,081
Orders	1,864	8	14,912	4,160,448
Safeguard orders	43	16	688	191,952
30.34(g)	46	17	782	218,178
30.34(j)(2)(ii)	62	200	12,400	3,459,600
30.35(f)	21	1	21	5,859
30.35(g)	2,125	10	21,250	5,928,750
30.41(c)&(d)	925	4	3,700	173,900*
30.51	16,857	3.5	59,000	2,773,000*
Totals	17,988		117,091	18,121,989

*These cost estimates are based on \$47 per hour.

Table 6. Part 30 Equivalency Third-Party Disclosure Burden for Agreement State Licensees

Section	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden Hour per Response	Total Annual Reporting Burden (Hours)	Cost @ \$279/Hour
30.34(e) – Other Standard License Conditions	345	1	345	1	345	96,255
30.34(f)	7	2	14	2.5	35	9,765
30.34(j)(2)(i)	62	2000	124,000	0.08	9,920	2,767,680
30.35(g)	207	1	207	10	2,070	577,530
30.51(e)	1035	1	1,035	0.5	518	24,346*
Totals	1035		125,601		12,888	3,475,576

*These cost estimates are based on \$47 per hour.

Total Agreement State Licensee Burden (Tables 4, 5 and 6): 241,188 hours.

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Total Annual Burden for NRC Licensees: 32,803 hours (15,318 reporting hours + 15,615 recordkeeping hours + 1,870 third-party disclosure hours)

Total Annual Burden for Agreement State Licensees: 241,188 hours (111,209 reporting hours + 117,091 recordkeeping hours + 12,888 third-party disclosure hours)

Total Part 30 Annual Burden: 273,991 hours (126,527 reporting hours + 132,706 recordkeeping hours + 14,758 third-party disclosure hours)

Total Number of Annual Respondents: 20,588 (2,600 NRC Licensees and 17,988 Agreement State Licensees)

Total Number of Annual Responses: 179,423 (22,044 NRC Licensee responses [1,212 reporting responses + 2,600 for recordkeepers + 18,232 third-party disclosures] and (157,379 Agreement State Licensee responses [13,790 reporting responses + 17,988 for recordkeepers + 125,601 third-party disclosures])

Total Number of Annual Recordkeepers: 20,588 (2,600 NRC Licensees and 17,988 Agreement State Licensees)