

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension

2. *The title of the information collection:*

10 CFR Part 74—Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material

NUREG 1065, Rev. 2—Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan Required for Low Enriched Uranium Facilities

NUREG/CR 5734—Recommendations to the NRC on Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan Required for Low-Enriched Uranium Enrichment Facilities

NUREG 1280, Rev. 1—Standard Format and Content Acceptance Criteria for the Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) Reform Amendment

3. *The form number if applicable:*

N/A

4. *How often the collection is required:* Submission of the

fundamental nuclear material control plan is a one-time requirement which has been completed by all current licensees. Specified inventory and material status reports are required annually or semiannually. Other reports are submitted as events occur.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Persons licensed under 10 CFR Parts 70 or 72 who possess and use certain forms and quantities of special nuclear material.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 14

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 14

8. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or*

*request:* The total number of hours needed annually to complete the reporting and recordkeeping requirements is 5,323 (223 hours for reporting and 5,100 hours for recordkeeping).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* No.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 74 establishes requirements for material control and accounting of special nuclear material, and specific performance-based regulations for licensees authorized to possess and use strategic special nuclear material, or to possess and use, or produce, special nuclear material of low strategic significance. The information is used by the NRC to make licensing and regulatory determinations concerning material control and accounting of special nuclear material and to satisfy obligations of the United States to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Submission or retention of the information is mandatory for persons subject to the requirements.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by August 6, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

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Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of June, 1999.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Pilot Program Evaluation Panel**

**AGENCY:** U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94-463, Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announces the Establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that establishment of the Panel is necessary and is in the public interest in order to obtain advice and recommendations on a revised regulatory oversight process for commercial nuclear power plants. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

The NRC has developed a revised regulatory oversight process for commercial nuclear power plant licensees as described in Commission paper SECY 99-007, "Recommendations For Reactor Oversight Process Improvements," dated January 8, 1999, and SECY-99-007A, "Recommendations For Reactor Oversight Process Improvements (Follow-up to SECY-99-007)," dated March 22, 1999. These Commission papers describe the scope and contents for performance indicator reporting, a new risk-informed baseline inspection program, a new streamlined assessment process, and a new enforcement policy. Commission paper SECY-99-007A also described a pilot program that would be performed at two sites per region to exercise these new oversight processes prior to full implementation.

The PPEP will function as a management-level, cross-disciplinary oversight group to independently monitor and evaluate the results of the pilot effort. The PPEP will meet periodically during the pilot program to review the implementation of the oversight processes and the results generated by the PI reporting, baseline inspection, assessment, and enforcement activities. These meetings will be publically announced in advance, open to the public, and all material reviewed placed in the public document room. A meeting summary will be prepared following each meeting to document the results of the meeting

The PPEP will evaluate the pilot program results against established