

The survey will be mailed primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden, institutions are provided with (in addition to paper copy) file specifications needed to upload data from the web data collection system (<http://www.qrc.com/exp>).

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 698 (average).

Frequency of Responses: Reporting annually.

Total Burden Hours: 9,014.

Approximately 65% responded electronically using the previous Automatic Survey Questionnaire on diskette to this voluntary survey in FY 1997 and a total response rate of 98.0% was obtained. Burden estimates are as follows:

	Total number of institutions	Burden Hours		
		Doctorate-granting	Masters-granting	Bachelors or below
FY 1997	692	19.0	7.0	7.0
FY 1996	692	21.5	7.1	6.2

Dated: February 26, 1999.

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Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: National Women's Business Council.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Women's Business Ownership Act, Public law 105-135 as amended, the National Women's Business Council (NWBC) announces a forthcoming Council meeting and joint meeting of the NWBC and Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise. The meetings will cover action items worked on by the National Women's Business Council and the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise included by not limited to procurement, access to capital and training.

DATES: March 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: *Council Meeting & Joint Meeting*, The White House/Old Executive Office Building, Indian Treaty Room, Washington, DC 20502.

10:00 am-11:00 am/Council Meeting
11:00 am-12:00 pm/Joint Meeting.

STATUS: Open to the public—limited space available.

CONTACT: National Women's Business Council, 409 Third Street, S.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20024, (202) 205-3850.

NOTE: Please call by March 10, 1999. Attendance/Clearance by RSVP only.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 72-9]

Department of Energy Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Proposed Exemption From Requirements of 10 CFR Part 20

By letter dated December 10, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated December 9, 1998, the Department of Energy (DOE or applicant) requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1501(c) related to DOE's proposed operation of the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The facility is located in Weld County, Colorado.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Identification of Proposed Action

The applicant is seeking Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) approval to take possession of NRC Materials License SNM-2504 to operate the FSV ISFSI. The FSV ISFSI is an existing facility constructed and licensed to store spent nuclear fuel from the formerly licensed Fort St. Vrain High Temperature Gas Reactor. By letter dated December 17, 1996, DOE submitted an application to transfer SNM-2504 from Public Service Company of Colorado (the current license holder) to DOE. The NRC staff is currently performing a review of that application. In a December 10, 1997, supplement to the application, DOE requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1501(c). Section 20.1501(c) states, in part, that "All personnel dosimeters * * * that require processing * * * must be processed and evaluated by a dosimetry processor * * * (1) Holding current personnel dosimetry accreditation from the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the

National Institute of Standards and Technology. * * *" Specifically, the applicant has requested authorization to use the Department of Energy Laboratory Accreditation Program (DOELAP) as an alternative dosimetry processing accreditation standard.

Need for the Proposed Action

The applicant is preparing to operate the FSV ISFSI as described in its application and accompanying safety analysis report (SAR), subject to transference of the existing NRC License SNM-2504 to DOE. The applicant is implementing programs and procedures necessary to operate the ISFSI and seeks to have those programs make efficient use of resources. One of the programs developed by DOE is the capability to monitor personnel occupational radioactive dose for routine and non-routine activities at the FSV ISFSI. Personnel dosimetry requires processing by a qualified processing facility. DOE prefers to use a processing organization that currently processes dosimetry for its Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). That processor is accredited under the DOE Laboratory Accreditation Program, rather than under the NVLAP program. To support the efficient use of resources, DOE has requested to use a DOELAP accreditation process for processing personnel dosimetry associated with FSV.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has examined both the NVLAP and DOELAP accreditation processes and standards. Both the NVLAP and DOELAP programs have similar requirements in that they incorporate similar test categories (type of radiation and energy levels), tolerance levels, bias, and performance criteria. The staff concluded that the DOELAP process is