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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2016-0062]

### Information Collection: NRC Form 327, “Special Nuclear Material (SNM) and Source Material (SM) Physical Inventory Summary Report,” and NUREG/BR-0096, “Instructions and Guidance for Completing Physical Inventory”

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, NRC Form 327, “Special Nuclear Material (SNM) and Source Material (SM) Physical Inventory Summary Report;” and NUREG/BR-0096, “Instructions and Guidance for Completing Physical Inventory.”

**DATES:** Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0062. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher;

telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T-5 F53, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

#### **A. Obtaining Information**

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0062 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0062. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2016-0062 on this Web site.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):**  
You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection

at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “[ADAMS Public Documents](#)” and then select “[Begin Web-based ADAMS Search](#).” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). A copy of the collection of information with a link to the related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML16166A066. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16166A088.

- **NRC’s PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- **NRC’s Clearance Officer:** A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC’s Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: [INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV).

## B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2016-0062 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should

state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 327, "Special Nuclear Material (SNM) and Source Material (SM) Physical Inventory Summary Report;" and NUREG/BR-0096, "Instructions and Guidance for Completing Physical Inventory."

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0139.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NRC Form 327.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Certain licensees possessing strategic SNM are required to report inventories every 6 months. Licensees possessing SNM of moderate strategic significance must report every 9 months. Licensees possessing SNM of low strategic significance must report annually, except one licensee must report its dynamic inventories every 2 months and a static inventory on an annual basis.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Fuel facility licensees possessing special nuclear material, i.e., enriched uranium, plutonium or U-233.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 26.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 6.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 104 hours (4 hours per response x 26 responses).

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 327 is submitted by certain fuel facility licensees to account for special nuclear material. The data is used by the NRC to assess licensee material control and accounting programs and to confirm the absence of (or detect the occurrence of) SNM theft or diversion. The NUREG/BR-0096 provides guidance and instructions for completing the form in accordance with the requirements appropriate for a particular licensee.

### **III. Specific Requests for Comments**

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Cullison,  
NRC Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.