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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2020-0098]

Information Collection: COVID-19 Work Hour Controls Exemption Request Form

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of NRC submission of an information collection request for emergency review to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on our request for emergency review for and OMB approval of the information collection that is summarized below. The information collection is entitled, "COVID-19 Work Hour Controls Exemption Request Form."

DATES: Submit comments by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM 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 <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0098**. 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-6 A10M, 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-2020-0098** 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 <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0098**. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID **NRC-2020-0098** 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 <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML20107J348. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS

under Accession No. ML20107J397.

- **NRC's Clearance Officer:** A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting 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.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID **NRC-2020-0098** in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

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

I. Background

We are required to publish this notice in the *Federal Register* under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations under section 1320.13 of title 5 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR). We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because an unanticipated event has occurred, as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(ii). This information collection only addresses the incremental burden change to an existing clearance and not the total burden for the clearance.

1. *The title of the information collection:* COVID-19 Work Hour Controls Exemption Request Form.
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0146.
3. *Type of submission:* Revision
4. *The form number, if applicable:* There is no form number for the online submission form.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On Occasion.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* All holders of, and certain applicants for, nuclear power plant construction permits and operating licenses under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities" who seek exemptions from the work hour controls specified in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1)-(7) as allowed by 10 CFR 26.9, "Specific exemptions."
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 40.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 40.
9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 80.

10. *Abstract:* The NRC requested an emergency review of this information collection in order to add this form to the previously approved information collection OMB Control Number 3150-0146 for a period of 6 months. The purpose of this information collection is to introduce the online COVID-19 Work Hour Controls Exemption Request Form that simplifies the filing the exemption requests because the existing system may be too burdensome for licensees under current conditions. Under the existing collection under OMB Control No. 3150-0146, licensees are already able to seek exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, Fitness-For-Duty Programs. This information collection only addresses the incremental burden change to this existing clearance due to the form and not the total burden for the clearance.

10 CFR 26.205(d)(1)-(7) identifies specific work hour control requirements for individuals subject to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 26. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), the NRC is prepared to grant, upon request from individual licensees, exemptions from the work hour controls specified in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1)-(7) as allowed by 10 CFR 26.9, "Specific exemptions."

The objective of using the online form to submit exemptions from 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1)-(7) is to ensure that the control of work hours and management of worker fatigue do not unduly limit licensee flexibility in using personnel resources to most effectively manage the impacts of the COVID-19 PHE on maintaining the safe operation of these facilities. Specifically, the licensee can submit an exemption request if (1) a licensee's staffing levels are affected by the COVID-19 PHE, (2) a licensee determines that it can no longer meet the work-hour controls of 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1)-(d)(7), and (3) the licensee can effect site-specific administrative controls for COVID-19 PHE fatigue-management for personnel specified in 10 CFR 26.4(a).

II. 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: April 17, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David C. Cullison,
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Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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