

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the address section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 19, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington DC 20212.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kurz on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

Federal law requires BLS, under the direction of the Secretary of Labor, to collect, collate, and report full and complete statistics of the conditions of labor and the products and distribution of the products of the same. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is one of these statistics, and the collection of data from a wide spectrum of retail establishments and government agencies is essential for the timely and accurate calculation of the Commodities and Services component of the CPI.

The CPI is the only index compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The CPI is a measure of the average change in prices paid by urban consumers for a fixed market basket of goods and services.

The CPI is used most widely as a measure of inflation, and serves as an indicator of the effectiveness of government economic policy. It is also used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars. A third major use of the CPI is to adjust income payments. About 2.8 million workers are covered by collective bargaining contracts which provide for increases in wage rates based on increases in the CPI.

##### **II. Current Actions**

The continuation of the collection of prices for the CPI is essential since the CPI is the nation's chief source of information on retail price changes. If the information on prices of commodities and services were not collected, Federal fiscal and monetary policies would be hampered due to the lack of information on price changes in a major sector of the U.S. economy, and estimates of the real value of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) could not be made. The consequences for both the

Federal and private sectors would be far-reaching and would have serious repercussions of Federal government policy and institutions.

The transient increase in the number of respondents is due to recurrent replacement in item and geographic sampling. With the 1998 CPI revision, substantial changes are being made to the CPI item classification structure. New pricing areas will be sampled to support this new item structure and the overlapping geographic areas will have new samples drawn wherever it is necessary in order to support this new structure.

Currently, data for the CPI are collected by CPI field staff in assigned retail outlets. The field staff record the data on schedules and mail the data to Washington, D.C. for processing. A key element in the 1998 CPI revision is the conversion of all data collection and transmission to electronic systems. A fully-implemented Computer-Assisted Data Collection (CADC) system for the CPI will result in significant advantages by increasing productivity and improving the overall quality of the CPI.

Electronic data collection and transmission will provide long-term savings through a major reduction of mail, paper, and printing costs. Electronic systems will provide the opportunity to reduce data capture, survey logistics management, and review staffs.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Consumer Price Index Commodities and Services Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0039.

*Frequency:* Semi-annually.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 52,104.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 16 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 91,487 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the ICR; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of January, 1996.

Peter T. Spolarich,

Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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#### **Employment and Training Administration**

##### **Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Alien Labor Certification Activity Report**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection of the Alien Labor Certification Activity Report, Form ETA 9037.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 19, 1996.

Written comments should evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Flora T. Richardson, U.S. Employment Service, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room N-4456, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20210,

202-219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Alien Labor Certification Program operates under regulations at 20 CFR 655 and 656. The Alien Certification Program, as administered by the Department of Labor, requires the State employment security agencies (SESAs) to initially process applications for alien certifications filed by U.S. employers on behalf of alien workers wishing to enter the U.S. for permanent employment and certain temporary employment purposes, conduct wage surveys, provide wage information to U.S. employers wishing to employ foreign workers, conduct housing inspections of facilities employers offer to migrant and seasonal workers, and recruit for qualified U.S. workers for employers applying for alien certification. The SESAs perform these functions under a reimbursable grant that is awarded annually. The data from this report provides important program information about SESA workload in a number of immigration programs and provides ETA with more timely management information. The data is used for program monitoring and evaluation and for future distribution of alien certification funds.

##### **II. Current Actions**

This is a request for OMB approval under [the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A))] of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0015. There is no change in burden.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

*Title:* Alien Labor Certification Activity Report.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0015.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually.

*Affected Public:* Regional, State or local governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 54.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours per response.

*Total Estimated Cost:* No Cost to Respondent.

*Total Burden Hours:* 216.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 15, 1995.

John M. Robinson,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment Training Administration.*

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#### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457]**

##### **Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) to withdraw its August 15, 1995, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77, for the Braidwood Station, Unit 1, located in Will County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility technical specifications to renew the 1.0 volt interim plugging criteria (IPC) for the Braidwood, Unit 1, steam generators (SG) in accordance with Generic Letter 95-05, "Voltage-Based Repair Criteria for Westinghouse Steam Generators Tubes Affected by Outside Diameter Stress Corrosion Cracking," dated August 3, 1995. This request was made as a contingency in the event that the 3.0 volt IPC which ComEd had previously submitted on February 13, 1995, was not approved in order to support the startup of Braidwood, Unit 1, from the Cycle 5 refueling outage. On November 9, 1995, the NRC issued Amendment No. 69, thereby nullifying the August 15, 1995, request. Subsequently, by letter dated November 13, 1995, you withdrew the amendment request.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on October 5, 1995, (60 FR 52222). However, by letter dated November 13, 1995, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 15, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated November 13, 1995, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Wilmington Public

Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of January 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ramin R. Assa,

*Project Manager, Project Directorate III-2, Division of Reactor Projects-III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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#### **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

##### **Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Interim Final Amendments to OMB's Governmentwide Guidance on Lobbying.

**SUMMARY:** The "Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995," signed by the President on December 19, 1995, included some amendments to 31 U.S. Code Section 1352, popularly known as the Byrd Amendment. The new law makes these amendments effective January 1, 1996. In response to the Byrd Amendment, in December 1989, OMB issued interim final guidance entitled "Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying." Today's notice includes amendments to OMB's December 1989 guidance to reflect the new statute.

**DATES:** These interim final amendments are effective January 1, 1996. Comments must be in writing and must be received by March 19, 1996. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Office of Management and Budget, Lobbying Docket, Room 6025, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments up to three pages in length may be submitted via facsimile to 202-395-3952. Electronic mail comments may be submitted via Internet to KAHLOW-B@A1.EOP.GOV. Please include the full body of electronic mail comments in the text and not as an attachment. Please include the name, title, organization, postal address, and E-mail address in the text of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For grants and loans, contact Barbara F. Kahlow, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB (telephone: 202-395-3053). For contracts, contact Richard C. Loeb, Office of Federal