

Total Burden Hours: 390,684 hours.
Total Annualized Capital/startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual (operating/maintaining): 0.

Description: The Producer Price Index, one of the Nation's leading economic indicators, is used as a measure of price movements, as an indicator of inflationary trends, for inventory valuation, and as a measure of purchasing power of the dollar at the primary-market level. It is also used for market and economic research and as a basis for escalation in long-term contracts and purchase agreements.

Todd R. Owen,

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Library Services, Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request, Museum/Library Partnerships Research

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, NFAH.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum Services has submitted the following public information request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Currently, the Institute of Museum and Library Services is soliciting comment concerning a new collections entitled, Museum/Library Partnerships Research. A copy of this proposed form, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Director of Research and Technology, Rebecca Danvers (202) 606-2478. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-8636.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316, by 30 days from publication date.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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.

Background: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is seeking to collect and analyze information on the nature and extent of museum and library partnerships in the United States. The research program will help IMLS more fully meet its goal of supporting such collaborations between museums and libraries, an objective which was specifically set forth in the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996. In 1998, IMLS began awarding financial support to museum and library partners through the National Leadership Grants (NLG) program. As such, IMLS requires an estimate on the number of collaborations that currently exist as well as detailed information on the types of activities and programs that may require IMLS support. This research study will collect these and other data from libraries and museums across the nation.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Museum/Library Partnerships Research.

OMB Number: N/A.

Affected Publics: museums and libraries.

Total Respondents: 280 (265 + 15).

Frequency: one time.

Total Responses: 280.

Average Time per Response: 265 at 5 minutes; 15 at 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 32 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mamie Bittner, Director Public and Legislative Affairs, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20506.

Dated: January 14, 1999.

Mamie Bittner,

Director, Public and Legislative Affairs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a guide planned for its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1074 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Steam Generator Tube Integrity." The guide is intended for Division 1, "Power Reactors." This draft guide is being developed to describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for monitoring and maintaining the integrity of the steam generator tubes at operating pressurized water reactors.

The NRC staff is working with industry to resolve issues with a document prepared by the Nuclear Energy Institute, NEI 97-06, "Steam Generator Program Guidelines."¹ NEI's chief objective with NEI 97-06 is for pressurized water reactor (PWR) licensees to evaluate their existing steam generator programs and, where necessary, to revise or strengthen program attributes to meet the intent of the NEI 97-06 guidelines. The NEI 97-06 guidelines are intended to improve both the quality and the consistency of steam generator programs throughout the industry. Currently, technical differences remain between the industry and the staff, as well as issues regarding the appropriate regulatory framework for implementing the NEI guidelines.

Previous draft versions of DG-1074 have been made publicly available to support technical interactions with industry and for better understanding of the technical differences between the

¹ Copies are available for inspection or copying for a fee from the NRC Public Document Room at 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC; the PDR's mailing address is Mail Stop LL-6, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (202) 634-3273; fax (202) 634-3343.

DG-1074 guidance and the industry NEI 97-06 approach. As a result of these technical interactions, the staff is already familiar with industry's comments regarding the DG-1074 guidance. In order to minimize expenditure of additional industry resources for commenting on the DG-1074 guidance, the staff intends to consider as comments the information that the industry has provided in prior public meetings on this subject and suggests that industry reference previous interactions and submittals wherever possible as providing its comments. However, to date the public has not had an opportunity to comment on the DG-1074 guidance. Accordingly, this **Federal Register** announcement provides an opportunity for the public, as a whole, to provide comments on the DG-1074 guidance. The staff will consider the public comments both in its efforts to finalize the regulatory guidance and in its continuing interactions with industry regarding NEI 97-06.

In addition, two documents in regard to a differing professional opinion (DPO) concerning steam generator tube integrity have been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room: a document containing the NRC staff's consideration of the DPO and a memorandum to the Commission from J. Hopfenfeld dated September 25, 1998.¹ The NRC staff requests public comments on the technical issues in these documents. The DPO consideration document discusses how the staff considered the issues of the DPO during the development of the DG-1074 guidance. The September 25, 1998, memorandum informs the Commission of the DPO author's continuing concerns about steam generator tube integrity. The DPO author's memorandum to the Commission was sent after the NRC staff completed the DPO consideration document; consequently the DPO consideration document was not revised to reflect the contents of the memorandum. By making this memorandum publicly available, the NRC is not endorsing the memorandum nor its contents and is instead providing this additional information to enable the public to comment on the technical issues contained therein.

The draft guide does not represent an official NRC staff position. Accordingly, the NRC staff does not expect licensees to revise their steam generator programs to be in accordance with DG-1074.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear

Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by June 30, 1999.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. Timothy A. Reed, (301) 415-1462; e-mail TAR@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax to (301) 415-2289, or by e-mail to <DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV>. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

Director, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Contingency Plan for the Year 2000 Issue in the Nuclear Industry

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is making available a draft document entitled, "Contingency Plan for the Year 2000 Issue in the Nuclear Industry." This document describes the current plan and approach the NRC staff expects to use in addressing contingencies resulting from potential unanticipated events due to the Year 2000 (Y2K) problem. The NRC staff believes prudent contingency planning for the Y2K problem is appropriate in addition to actions being taken by NRC licensees to achieve Y2K readiness of their facilities. The staff further recognizes the importance of a broader focus that will help to ensure that Y2K concerns regarding the national infrastructure are identified and resolved.

DATES: Public input is solicited on the overall scope and direction of the NRC Contingency Plan. To be most helpful, comments should be received no later than February 15, 1999. Comments received after this date may be considered in the further development of the Contingency Plan if practical to do so.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the draft Contingency Plan can be obtained via the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/Y2K/Y2KCP.html> or from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343.

Mail Comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or fax to 301-415-5144. Comments may be hand-delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph G. Giitter; Mail Stop T-4A43, Office for Evaluation and Analysis of Operational Data, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-7485; E-mail JGG@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC is working with its licensees to ensure that their potential Year 2000 (Y2K) issues have been identified and corrected, and that the agency's own computer-based systems will continue to function properly during the transition from 1999 into 2000.

Nuclear power plant licensees indicate no significant Year 2000 problems with computer systems