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- 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to obtain the claimant's consent for medical institutions and private physicians to release medical information to the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation as evidence to support their claim for benefits. Failure to gather this information would inhibit the adjudication of black lung claims because pertinent medical data would not be considered during claims processing.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Authorization for Release of Medical Information.

OMB Number: 1215-0057.

Agency Number: CM-936.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 2,700.

Frequency: Once.

Total Responses: 2,700.

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 225.

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

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

Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act

I. Background

The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, as amended (20 CFR 702.162, 702.174, 702.175, 20 CFR 702.242, 20 CFR 702.285, 702.321, 702.201, and 702.111) pertains to the provision of benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by

an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel, as well as coverage extended to certain other employees. The Longshore Act administration requirements include: payment of compensation liens incurred by Trust Funds; certification of exemption and reinstatement of employers who are engaged in the building, repairing, or dismantling of exclusively small vessels; settlement of cases under the Act; reporting of earnings by injured claimants receiving benefits under the Act; filing applications for relief under second injury provisions; and, maintenance of injury reports under the Act. The forms contained in this information collection request have been developed to capture the information required by various sections of the regulations.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to insure that Longshore beneficiaries are receiving appropriate benefits. Failure to request this information would result in no way to insure beneficiaries are receiving the correct amount of benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

OMB Number: 1215-0160.

Agency Numbers: LS-200, 201, 203, 204, 262, 267, 271, 274, 513, ESA-100.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or other for profit, Small businesses or organizations.

Total Respondents: 189,144.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 189,144.

Average Time Per Response for Reporting:

LS-200—10 minutes

LS-201, 203, 204, 262—15 minutes

LS-267—2 minutes

LS-271—2 hours

LS-274—1 hour

LS-513—30 minutes

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 84,576.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$60.

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: July 13, 2000.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 664—General Licensee Registration.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* None.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Annually.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* NRC general licensees who possess devices subject to registration under 10 CFR 31.5.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 4,300.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,433 hours annually (4300 respondents × 20 minutes per form).

7. *Abstract:* NRC Form 664 would be used by NRC general licensees to make reports regarding certain generally licensed devices subject to registration. The registration program is intended to allow NRC to better track general licensees, so that they can be contacted or inspected as necessary, and to make sure that generally licensed devices can be identified even if lost or damaged, and to further ensure that general licensees are aware of and understand the requirements for the possession of devices containing byproduct material. Greater awareness helps to ensure that general licensees will comply with the requirements for proper handling and disposal of generally licensed devices and would reduce the potential for incidents that could result in unnecessary radiation exposure to the public and contamination of property.

Submit, by September 18, 2000, 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 burden estimate 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 be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of July 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

Amergen Vermont, LLC, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the indirect transfer of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee), currently held by Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, as the owner and licensed operator.

A direct transfer of this license from Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation to AmerGen Vermont, LLC (AmerGen Vermont) was approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by an order dated July 7, 2000. The conforming amendment to the license to reflect this transfer will be issued upon completion of the purchase of the facility by AmerGen Vermont. Upon completion of this transfer, AmerGen Vermont will hold the license as the owner and licensed operator of Vermont Yankee.

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) and its wholly owned subsidiary AmerGen Vermont submitted an application to the Commission dated February 28, 2000, which was supplemented by submittals dated May 12, June 1, and June 28, 2000, for a subsequent indirect transfer of the license following the acquisition of Vermont Yankee by AmerGen Vermont. The indirect transfer proposed in the February 28, 2000, application as supplemented would result from the acquisition of PECO Energy Company's (PECO's) existing interest in AmerGen by a new generation company. This company, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, is to be a subsidiary of Exelon Ventures Company, which will be a wholly owned subsidiary of a new holding company, Exelon Corporation. Exelon Corporation will be formed from a planned merger between PECO and Unicom Corporation (Unicom). The facility is located in Vernon, Vermont.

According to the application filed by AmerGen and AmerGen Vermont,

AmerGen is a limited liability company formed to acquire and operate nuclear power plants in the United States. AmerGen Vermont is a limited liability company formed by AmerGen to acquire and operate Vermont Yankee. British Energy, Inc., and PECO each own 50 percent of AmerGen. Following completion of the merger between Unicom and PECO, Exelon Generation Company will acquire PECO's existing 50-percent ownership interest in AmerGen. AmerGen Vermont, as a wholly owned subsidiary of AmerGen, as owned by Exelon Generation Company and British Energy, Inc., will continue to be responsible, after the completion of the transfer of Vermont Yankee to AmerGen Vermont, for the operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of Vermont Yankee. No direct transfer of the license is being proposed. Also, no physical changes to the facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the indirect transfer of a license if the Commission determines that the underlying transaction effectuating the indirect transfer will not affect the qualifications of the holder of the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By August 8, 2000, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not, the applicant may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR