

the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments within 30 days from the date of this publication.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Office of Administration, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Application for Mediation Services and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 5, 2013.

**June D.W. King,**

*Director, Office of Administration, National Mediation Board.*

#### **Application for Mediation Services**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Mediation Services, OMB Number: 3140-0002.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

#### **Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

*Responses:* 50 annually.

*Burden Hours:* 12.50.

**Abstract:** Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 155, First, provides that both, or either, of the parties to the labor-management dispute may invoke the mediation services of the National Mediation Board. Congress has determined that it is in the nation's best interest to provide for governmental mediation as the primary dispute resolution mechanism to resolve labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of mediation is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.1 provides that applications for mediation services be made on printed forms which may be secured from the National Mediation Board. This section of the regulations provides that applications should be submitted in duplicate, show the exact nature of the dispute, the number of employees involved, name of the carrier and name of the labor organization, date of agreement between the parties, date and copy of notice served by the invoking party to the other and date of final conference between the parties. The application should be signed by the highest officer of the carrier who has been designated to handle disputes under the Railway Labor Act or by the chief executive of the labor organization, whichever party files the application.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information provided by the parties is used by the Board to structure a mediation process that will be productive to the parties and result in a settlement without resort to strike or lockout. The Board has been very successful in resolving labor disputes in the railroad and airline industries. Historically, some 97 percent of all NMB mediation cases have been successfully resolved without interruptions to public service. Since 1980, only slightly more than 1 percent of cases have involved a disruption of service. This success ratio would possibly be reduced if the Board was unable to collect the brief information that it does in the application for mediation services.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from [www.nmb.gov](http://www.nmb.gov) or should be addressed to Denise Murdock, NMB, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20005 or addressed to

the email address [murdock@nmb.gov](mailto:murdock@nmb.gov) or faxed to 202-692-5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D.W. King at 202-692-5010 or via internet address [king@nmb.gov](mailto:king@nmb.gov) Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TDY) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2013-0125]**

### **Effectiveness of the Reactor Oversight Process Baseline Inspection Program**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Public meeting and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the effectiveness of the reactor oversight process (ROP) baseline inspection program with members of the public, licensees, and interest groups. The NRC is also seeking public comment about the effectiveness of the ROP baseline inspection program. Responses received at the meeting and public comments submitted to the NRC will provide important information for ongoing program improvement.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on July 17, 2013. See Section III, Public Meeting, of this document for more information on the meeting. Comments on the issues and questions presented in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document should be submitted by July 26, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0125. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and

Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marsha Gamberoni, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0890; [Marsha.Gamberoni@nrc.gov](mailto:Marsha.Gamberoni@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Accessing Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0125 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0125.
- NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library 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 email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- 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.

- Information regarding the ROP and licensee performance can be accessed at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/.html>.

*B. Submitting Comments*

Please include Docket ID NRC-2013-0125 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 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 submissions into ADAMS.

**II. Program Overview**

The mission of the NRC is to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment. The NRC regulates commercial nuclear power plants through a combination of regulatory requirements; licensing; safety oversight, including inspection, assessment of performance and enforcement; operational experience evaluation; and regulatory support activities. The NRC periodically reviews each of these processes and is in the process of reviewing the baseline inspection program and the associated inspection procedures. Inspection procedures are statements of requirements or guidance for inspection activities that focus on safety. Baseline inspections are performed annually at all plants. *Inspection Manual Chapter 2515 Appendix A* provides background on the baseline inspection program including the objectives and philosophy and contains a list of all inspection procedures.

The agency's goal for the current review is to enhance the baseline inspection program to incorporate the needed inspection areas for the current environment, eliminate redundant or no longer necessary inspection areas, maximize efficient and effective use of agency resources, and incorporate flexibility where appropriate. This process should provide a validation of the basic philosophy and key principles of the baseline inspection program with allowance to make changes where it may be necessary.

**III. Public Meeting**

The public meeting will be held in Rockville, Maryland, at 11555 Rockville Pike, in the NRC Commissioners' Hearing Room on July 17, 2013. The agenda for the public meeting will be noticed no fewer than 10 days prior to the meeting on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>. Any meeting updates or changes will be made available on this Web site.

At the meeting, the NRC will discuss inspection areas such as engineering, maintenance, operations, and problem identification and resolution. The NRC has prepared the following questions in advance of the meeting to aid in a focused discussion on specific topics. In addition, the NRC specifically requests public comment addressing the following topics:

(1) What issues/programs/components, if any, should be covered by the ROP baseline inspection program, but are not? What areas, if any, are covered by the ROP baseline inspection program that should not be?

(2) How can the baseline inspection program be more efficient and/or effective?

(3) What redundancies exist in the baseline inspection program? For example, do the current baseline inspection procedures have the correct breadth to ensure we are not inspecting the same things?

(4) What ways are there to increase the NRC's focus on the most significant performance issues at a plant? Are there areas of licensee plant operations and performance which warrant increased or new NRC focus? Are there areas where the NRC's focus should be decreased?

(5) How can we improve the existing baseline inspection procedures to result in findings that have a clear tie to nuclear safety, are indicative of current performance, and provide the most insight?

(6) How can we better integrate operating experience into the baseline inspection program?

(7) What changes, if any, can be made to the existing baseline inspection program to ensure we are sufficiently evaluating age related degradation or failures of passive or active systems, structures, or components?

(8) What changes, if any, should be made to the baseline inspection program to ensure it is adequate for the current environment (e.g. external event uncertainties, plants entering extended operation, effects of power uprates, new corporate/financial structures, etc)?

(9) What changes, if any, should be made to the frequency of team inspections?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of June, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Timothy J. Kobetz,**

*Acting Director, Division of Inspection and Regional Support, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2013-0122]

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### Background

Pursuant to Section 189a. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from May 16, 2013 to May 28, 2013. The last biweekly notice was published on May 28, 2013 (78 FR 31978).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comment by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0122. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Accessing Information

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- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0122.

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- *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.

###### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2013-0122 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.

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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 submissions into ADAMS.

##### Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in Section 50.92 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period should circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example in derating or shutdown of the facility. Should the Commission take action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. Should the Commission make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that