

directives to create a "questioning attitude" for its workers to challenge management on nuclear safety issues without fear of harassment, intimidation, or reprisals by NU.

3. Refer the Nuclear Oversight Focus 98 List and the reported NU management attempt to destroy the list to the Department of Justice for investigation of a potential coverup.

As a basis for the Petitioners' request to revoke the Millstone licenses, the Petition states that an NU document (Nuclear Oversight's Focus 98 List dated January 11, 1998) directs the group to address areas needing improvement by focusing on the "inability to isolate cynics from the group culture" and "pockets of negativism." The Petition further states that the list demonstrates the sustained and unrelenting policy of NU's senior management to undermine a safety-conscious workplace at Millstone and that despite 2 years of increased regulatory scrutiny of the managerial mistreatment of its workers and the corporation's mismanagement of its employees' safety concerns program, a "chilled atmosphere" remains intact and entrenched.

As a basis for the Petitioners' request for a Department of Justice investigation, the Petition makes the following statement: "Since it has been reported that NU management employees attempted to destroy the list, NRC has a duty to refer this apparent deliberate attempt to evade the otherwise lawful exercise of authority by NRC to the Department of Justice for complete investigation. This alleged attempt to cover up wrong doing by NRC's licensee is a potential obstruction of justice that should be fully and fairly investigated."

The NRC staff is also concerned about the issues the Petitioners raised in their Petition. As a result, the staff issued a letter dated February 10, 1998, to the licensee requesting more information on this issue. The NRC staff will consider the licensee's response to the staff's request for additional information before the Commission allows restart of any Millstone unit. To this extent, the Petitioners' request for immediate action is partially granted. The Petitioners' specific requests to immediately revoke the operating licenses and refer the incident to the Department of Justice are denied because immediate action is not required to protect public health and safety while additional information is obtained from the licensee.

The issues in the Petition are being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations and have been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. As

provided by 10 CFR 2.206, appropriate action with regard to these issues will be taken in a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for 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 Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and at the temporary local public document room located at the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of an Information Collection: Form RI 25-37

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an information collection. Form RI 25-37, Evidence to Prove Dependency of a Child, is designed to collect sufficient information for the OPM to be able to determine whether the surviving child of a deceased Federal employee is eligible to receive benefits as a dependent child.

Approximately 250 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 60 minutes to assemble the needed documentation. The annual burden is 250 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;

- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and

- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of

information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before May 19, 1998.

ADDRESS: Send or deliver comments to—Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR part 213 on November 24, 1997 (62 FR 62648). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between October 1, 1997, and January 31, 1998, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established during October 1997.