

whether amounts billed for drugs are appropriate, OWCP must receive 19 data elements, including the name of the patient/beneficiary, the National Drug Code (NDC) number of the drugs prescribed, the quantity provided, the prescription number and the date the prescription was filled. The regulations implementing these statutes require the collection of information needed to enable OWCP to determine if bills for drugs submitted directly by pharmacies, or as reimbursement requests submitted by claimants, should be paid. (20 CFR 10.801, 30.701, 725.701 and 725.705).

There is no standardized paper form for submission of the billing information collected in this ICR. Over the past several years, the majority of pharmacy bills submitted to OWCP have been submitted electronically using one of the industry-wide standard formats for the electronic transmission of billing data through nationwide data clearinghouses devised by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). However, since some pharmacy bills are still submitted using a paper-based bill format, OWCP will continue to accept any of the many paper-based bill formats still used by some providers so long as they contain the data elements needed for processing the bill. None of the paper-based or electronic billing formats have been designed by or provided by OWCP; they are billing formats commonly accepted by other Federal programs and in the private health insurance industry for drugs. Nonetheless, the three programs (FECA, BLBA and EEOICPA) provide instructions for the submission of necessary pharmacy bill data elements in provider manuals distributed or made available to all pharmacies enrolled in the programs.

The required data elements are used by OWCP and contractor bill processing staff to process paper and electronic bills for drugs dispensed by pharmacies. To enable OWCP and its contractor staff to consider the appropriateness of the requested payment in a timely fashion, it is essential that bill submissions include the data elements needed to evaluate the bill, such as the NDC number and the pharmacy's provider identification number. To do this, OWCP evaluates the same data elements that are commonly evaluated by other Federal agencies and private health insurance carriers. If all the billing data elements required by OWCP are not

collected, the contractor staff cannot process the bill.

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Endowment for the Arts; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

January 18, 2007.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35]. Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Tom Bradshaw via telephone at 202-682-5527 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail at [bradshwt@arts.endow.gov](mailto:bradshwt@arts.endow.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call 202-682-5496 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202-395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Office of Management and Budget (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 submissions of responses.

*Agency:* National Endowment for the Arts.

*Title:* 2008 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts.

*OMB Number:* New.

*Frequency:* One Time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,333.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup*

*Costs:* 0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* 0.

*Description:* The National Endowment for the Arts proposes to conduct a national Survey of Public Participation in the Arts (SPPA) as a supplement to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey in May 2008. The survey will provide information on the extent to which the adult population participates in the arts. Responses will be analyzed to determine arts participation patterns and differences by population subgroup and geography and changes from prior SPPA's conducted in 1982, 1985, 1992, 1997, and 2002. The survey results and subsequent analyses will be used by arts administrators, researchers, and policymakers at the national, State, and local levels.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-298]**

### **Nebraska Public Power District; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46, issued to Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee), for operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station located in Nemaha County, Nebraska.