

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Forms 366, 366A, and 366B, "Licensee Event Report."

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Forms 366, 366A, and 366B.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion, as defined reactor events are reportable on occurrence.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Holders of operating licenses for commercial nuclear power plants.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 400.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 104.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 20,000 (Reporting: 20,000 Hours ÷ 400 responses = 50 hrs per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies:* N/A.

10. *Abstract:* With NRC Forms 366, 366A, and 366B, the NRC collects reports of the types of reactor events and problems that are believed to be significant and useful to the NRC in its efforts to identify and resolve threats to public safety. They are designed to provide the information necessary for engineering studies of operational anomalies and trends and patterns analysis of operational occurrences. The same information can be used for other analytic procedures that will aid in identifying accident precursors.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One

White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/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 should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by July 28, 2004. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0104), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of June, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Final Report of the Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Authority:** The Small Business Paperwork Relief Act (44 U.S.C. 3520).

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management is publishing the Final Report of the Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force. The Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force recommends options regarding the improvement of the electronic dissemination of information collected under Federal requirements and identifies a plan to develop an interactive Government-wide Internet program to identify applicable collections and facilitate compliance. A Draft Report was released for public comment May 5, 2003 and the response to comments is included in Appendix 7 of the Final Report.

The Final Report of the Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force is posted on OMB's Web site, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/>

[sbpr2004.pdf](#), and on the Small Business Administration's Web site for business laws, <http://www.businesslaw.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the SBPRA (44 U.S.C. 3520) Congress directed the Director of OMB to convene a Task Force to study the feasibility of streamlining requirements with respect to small business concerns regarding collection of information and strengthening dissemination of information (44 U.S.C. 3520, Pub. L. 107-198). More specifically, this Task Force is charged with examining five tasks designed to reduce the information collection burden placed by government on small businesses. These tasks are as follows:

1. Examine the feasibility and desirability of requiring the consolidation of information collection requirements within and across Federal agencies and programs, and identify ways of doing so.

2. Examine the feasibility and benefits to small businesses of having OMB publish a list of data collections organized in a manner by which they can more easily identify requirements with which they are expected to comply.

3. Examine the savings and develop recommendations for implementing electronic submissions of information to the Federal government with immediate feedback to the submitter.

4. Make recommendations to improve the electronic dissemination of information collected under Federal requirements.

5. Recommend a plan to develop an interactive Government-wide Internet program to identify applicable collections and facilitate compliance.

While carrying out its work, the Task Force is to consider opportunities for the coordination of Federal and State reporting requirements, and coordination among individuals who have been designated as the small business "point of contact" for their agencies.

This report, which addresses the final two issues, is required no later than two years after enactment, or June 28, 2004. Both reports must be submitted to the Director of OMB, the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman, and the Senate Committees on Governmental Affairs and Small Business and

Entrepreneurship, and the House Committees on Government Reform and Small Business.

The Director of OMB appointed Dr. John D. Graham, Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and Ms. Karen S. Evans, Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology, to co-chair the Task Force.

The Act specifies the following agencies to be represented on the SBPRA Task Force: Department of Labor (including the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration); Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Transportation; Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration; Internal Revenue Service; Department of Health and Human Services (including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services); Department of Agriculture; Department of Interior; the General Services Administration; and two other participants to be selected by the Director of OMB (who are the Department of Commerce and additional representatives from the Small Business Administration).

The Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force solicited public comments on the Draft Report from May 5, 2003 to June 4, 2003. All comments received by OMB were considered and resulted in modifications to the final report. A summary of the public comments with responses of the Task Force is attached in Appendix 7 of the Final Report.

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**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**Compliance Assistance Resources and Points of Contact Available to Small Businesses**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Authority:** The Small Business Paperwork Relief Act (44 U.S.C. 3520).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is publishing a “list of the

compliance assistance resources available to small businesses” and a list of the points of contacts in agencies “to act as a liaison between the agency and small business concerns” with respect to the collection of information and the control of paperwork.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

The Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-198) requires OMB to “publish in the **Federal Register** and make available on the Internet (in consultation with the Small Business Administration) “a list of the compliance assistance resources available to small businesses” (44 U.S.C. 3504(c)(6)). In addition, under another provision of this Act, “each agency shall, with respect to the collection of information and the control of paperwork, establish 1 point of contact in the agency to act as a liaison between the agency and small business concerns” (44 U.S.C. 3506(I)(1)).

Working in cooperation with the Small Business and Agriculture Enforcement Ombudsman (SBA Ombudsman) in the Small Business Administration, OMB has, with the active assistance and support of the SBA Ombudsman, assembled a list of the compliance assistance resources available to small businesses. Because it may be helpful to the public to have the list of agency contacts together with the list of compliance assistance resources, OMB is publishing these lists together. These lists are also available today on OMB’s Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infocoll/html>. The SBA Ombudsman has created a link to this information on the SBA Ombudsman’s Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman>.

**B. Legislative Initiatives**

The publication of these lists is part of a more comprehensive effort to assist small businesses. The context for this initiative began several years ago with enactment of the “Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996” (Pub. L. 104-121, Title II) (SBREFA). Among other provisions, SBREFA calls on agencies to “publish one or more guides to assist small entities in complying” with certain regulations (Section 212), and “to answer inquiries by small entities

concerning information on, and advice about, compliance” with regulatory statutes (Section 213). In other words, Federal regulatory agencies are to develop small entity compliance guides and to answer inquiries, and provide advice, about regulatory compliance issues.

In addition, SBREFA created within the Small Business Administration the office of the “Small Business and Agriculture Enforcement Ombudsman” (Section 222). The SBA Ombudsman’s responsibilities involve working “with each agency with regulatory authority over small businesses to ensure that small business concerns [involving the agency’s implementation and enforcement of those regulatory authorities] are provided with a means to comment on the enforcement activity” conducted by each agency. In other words, the SBA Ombudsman is to monitor, and report annually to Congress, on the enforcement practices of Federal regulatory agencies.

SBREFA was followed by the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-198) (SBPRA). As described above, this law requires OMB to publish “a list of the compliance assistance resources available to small business.” OMB is also publishing the points of contacts in agencies who are “to act as a liaison between the agency and small business concerns” with respect to the collection of information and the control of paperwork.

In addition, this statute directed the Director of OMB to convene and have a representative chair a Task Force “to study the feasibility of streamlining requirements with respect to small business concerns regarding collection of information and strengthening dissemination of information” (44 U.S.C. 3520). The Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force has been developing recommendations to improve and more closely link the existing assistance resources through the use of information technology. More specifically, the Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force is charged with examining five ways to reduce the information collection burden placed by government on small business concerns. They are:

1. Examine the feasibility and desirability of requiring the consolidation of information collection requirements within and across Federal agencies and programs, and identify ways of doing so.
2. Examine the feasibility and benefits to small businesses of having OMB publish a list of data collections organized in a manner by which they can more easily identify requirements