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II. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (*i.e.*, employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorized information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The Standard specifies several paperwork requirements. The following sections describe who uses the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it.

Paragraph (e)(1)(i) of § 1910.217 requires employers to establish and follow a program of periodic and regular inspections of power presses to ensure that all their parts, auxiliary equipment, and safeguards are in safe operating condition and adjustment. Employers must maintain a certification record of inspections that includes the date of inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection, and the serial number, or other identifier, of the power press that was inspected.

Paragraph (e)(1)(ii) of § 1910.217 requires employers to inspect and test each press no less than weekly to determine the condition of the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism. Employers must perform and complete necessary maintenance or repair or both before the press is operated. In addition, employers must maintain a record of inspections, tests, and maintenance work. The record must include the date of the inspection, test, or maintenance; the signature of the person who performed the inspection, test, or maintenance; and the serial number, or

other identifier, of the press that was inspected, tested, or maintained.

The certification records required in 29 CFR 1910.217(e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii) are necessary to ensure compliance with the requirement to inspect mechanical power presses. The inspection of mechanical power presses is critical to ensuring that employers maintain the presses in safe operating condition for employees. These records also provide the most efficient means for the compliance officers to determine that an employer is complying with the Standard.

III. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information-collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

IV. Proposed Actions

OSHA is proposing to extend the information collections requirements in the Standard on Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii)). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

Title: Standard on Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii)).

OMB Number: 1218-0229.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 295,000.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: Monthly, Weekly.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 2 minutes (.03 hour) to disclose certification records to 20 minutes (.33 hour) to inspect the parts, auxiliary equipment, and safeguards of each mechanical power press.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 1,373,178.

V. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 10, 2004.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation; National Science Board and its Subdivisions.

DATE AND TIME: March 24, 25, 2004.

March 24, 2004: 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions:

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Open Session
10:30 a.m.-12 noon Open Session
12 noon-12:30 p.m. Closed Session
12:30 p.m.-1 p.m. Open Session
1 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Closed Session
1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Open Session
2:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Open Session

March 25: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions:

8 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Open Session
8:15 a.m.-9 a.m. Closed Session
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Open Session
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Closed Session
12:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Open Session

PLACE: The National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, www.nsf.gov/nsb.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: NSF Information Center (703) 292-5111.

STATUS: Part of this meeting will be closed to the public.

Part of this meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Open

Committee on Strategy and Budget (9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.)

Room 1235

- Approval of Minutes
- Discussion of NSF Response to CSB Inquiries from February, 2004 CSB Meeting
- Discussion of a Process for NSB Review and Approval of the NSF FY 2006 Budget Request

Committee on Audit and Oversight
(10:30 a.m.–12 noon)

Room 1235

- Approval of Minutes
- National Academy of Public Administration's Review of NSF—Update
- CFO Update—Grants Monitoring
- NSB Sunshine Act Audit

Executive Committee (12:30 p.m.–1 p.m.)

Room 1295

- Approval of Minutes
- Discussion of OIG Sunshine Act Audit of NSB

Subcommittee on Polar Issues (1:45 p.m.–2:30 p.m.)

Room 1235

- Introduction
- Approval of Minutes
- OPP Director's Report
- Arctic Science: Eddies in the Arctic Ocean
- Antarctic Environmental Stewardship

Committee on Programs and Plans (2:45 p.m.–5 p.m.)

Room 1235

- Approval of Minutes
- Information Item: Status of Planning for NSF's Role in the Renewal of the National Academic Research Fleet
- Status Report: Long-Lived Data Collections
- High Risk Research
- Report from the Polar Issues Subcommittee
- Discussion of NAS Report on Setting Priorities for Large Research Facilities Supported by NSF

Closed

Committee on Audit and Oversight (12 noon–12:30 p.m.)

Room 1235

- Presentation of Ongoing OIG Investigation

Executive Committee (1–1:30)

Room 1295

- NSB Member Proposals
- Director's Items, Including— Specific Personnel Matters
- Future Budgets

Thursday, March 24, 2004

Open

Ad Hoc Committee on 2004 Vannevar Bush Award (8 a.m.–8:15 a.m.)

(Room 1240)

- Review Selection Criteria
- Review Solicitation Process

Committee on Education and Human Resources (9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.)

(Room 1235)

- Approval of Minutes
- Comments from the Chair
- Report from the Subcommittee on S&E Indicators
- Broadening Participation Workshop
- Presentation on EHR Priorities and 2005 Budget

Plenary session of the Board (12:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.)

Room 1235

- Approval of Open Minutes from February, 2004
- Resolution to Close Portions of May, 2004
- Chairman's Report, including— Report on Senate Appropriation Hearings
- Update on Smithsonian Institution Funding
- Director's Report
- Committee Reports

Closed

Ad Hoc Committee on the 2004 Vannevar Bush Awards (8:15 a.m.–9 a.m.)

Room 1240

- Discussion of Candidates
- Balloting

Plenary session of the Board (11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)

Room 1235

In Executive Closed Session:

- Nominating Committee Election
- Approval of Honorary Awards

In Closed Session:

- Approval of Minutes from February, 2004
- NSB Member Proposals
- Closed Committee Reports, if Any

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer, NSB.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–346; License No. NPF–3EA–03–214]

In the Matter of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, (Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1); Confirmatory Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately)

I.

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC, or the Licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF–3 issued on April 22, 1977, by

the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50. The license authorizes the operation of Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 (Davis-Besse), in accordance with conditions specified therein. The facility is located on the Licensee's site in Ottawa County, Ohio.

II.

The discovery of circumferential cracking in some of the control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) nozzles that penetrate the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head at Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 3, in February 2001, and Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 2, in April 2001, raised concerns about the potential safety implications and prevalence of cracking in RPV head penetration nozzles in pressurized-water reactors (PWRs). In response to these concerns, the NRC issued NRC Bulletin 2001–01 on August 3, 2001. The bulletin required all PWR operators to report to the NRC on the structural integrity of the CRDM nozzles, including their plans to ensure that future inspections would verify structural integrity of the reactor vessel boundary. Davis-Besse was shut down on February 16, 2002, when it began its 13th refueling outage, which included an inspection of CRDM nozzles. On March 6, 2002, FENOC employees discovered a cavity in the RPV head. The cavity was the result of corrosion caused by long-term leakage of reactor coolant, which contains boric acid, from small cracks in one of the CRDM nozzles.

The NRC staff subsequently determined that FENOC's failure to properly implement its boric acid corrosion control and corrective action programs was a performance deficiency that allowed reactor coolant system pressure boundary leakage to occur undetected for a prolonged time, resulting in RPV upper head degradation. The NRC determined that the Licensee's performance deficiency had high safety significance, in the Red range, as documented in a letter to the Licensee dated May 29, 2003 (ADAMS Accession No. ML031490778).

The NRC took a series of actions in response to the discovery of the cavity in the Davis-Besse RPV head. An Augmented Inspection Team was sent to Davis-Besse on March 12, 2002, to collect facts regarding the conditions that led to the head degradation. Additionally, the NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) to the Licensee on March 13, 2002 (ML020730225), confirming the Licensee's agreement that NRC approval is required for restart of Davis-Besse. The CAL also documented a number of