

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 1st day of May 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Training Plans

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the submission of training plans as addressed in 30 CFR 48.3 and 48.23. MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfesak@msha.gov

(Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. 801, *et seq.* (Mine Act), recognizes that the role of education and training in the improvement of miner health and safety is an important element of federal efforts to make the nation's mines safer places in which to work. Section 115(a) of the Mine Act states that "each operator of a coal or other mine shall have a health and safety program which shall be approved by the Secretary." Title 30, C.F.R. §§ 48.3 and 48.23 specifically address the requirements for training plans. The standards are intended to ensure that miners will be effectively trained in matters affecting their health and safety, with the ultimate goal being the reduction of frequency and severity of the injuries in the nation's mines.

II. Current Actions

Approved training plans are used to implement training programs for training new miners, training newly employed experienced miners, training miners for new tasks, annual refresher training, and hazard training. The plans are also used by MSHA to ensure that all miners are receiving the training necessary to perform their jobs in the safest manner possible.

Type of Review: Extension

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Training Plans—30 C.F.R. §§ 48.3 and 48.23

OMB Number: 1219-0009.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hrs)	Burden (hrs)
48.3 and 48.23	1,300	Annually	1,300	8	10,400
Totals	1,300	Annually	1,300	8	10,400

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$2,600.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 98-5]

Increase of Statutory and Other Copyright Fees

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress will conduct a public hearing on increasing statutory and other copyright filing fees in accordance with technical amendments to the copyright law (Pub. L. 105-80, 111 Stat. 1529 (1997)). The Office will issue a more detailed Notice of Information proposing specific fees several months before the public hearing in order to give an interested party time to file a written comment and/or notify the Office that he or she wishes to participate in the public hearing.

DATES: The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 1, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Additional hearing dates will be announced if necessary.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held in the Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Dining Room A, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Assistant General Counsel at (202) 707-8380.

Dated: May 4, 1998.

Marilyn J. Kretsinger,

Assistant General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

Date and Time: May 26-27, 1998; 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 340, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: H. Frederick Bowman, Program Director, Biomedical Engineering and Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including

technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 4, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Information Intelligent Systems(1200).

Date and Time: May 28-29, 1998 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: The Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Gary Strong, Acting Deputy Division Director National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 306-1928.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Computation and Social Systems Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 5, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-352]

Philadelphia Electric Company; Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment

to Facility Operating License No. NPF-39, issued to Philadelphia Electric Company (the licensee), for operation of the Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Unit 1, located in Montgomery and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the implementation of a plant modification to support the installation of replacement suction strainers for the emergency core cooling systems (residual heat removal and core spray) pumps at LGS, Unit 1.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated October 6, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated February 2, 1998.

The Need for the Proposed Action

On May 6, 1996, the NRC issued NRC Bulletin 96-03, "Potential Plugging of Emergency Core Cooling Suction Strainers by Debris in Boiling Water Reactors", that requested addressees to implement appropriate procedural measures and plant modifications to minimize the potential for clogging of emergency core cooling system (ECCS) suppression pool suction strainers by debris generated during a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) and requested that addressees report to the NRC whether they intend to implement the requested actions.

In response to the above cited bulletin, the licensee proposed a plant modification to install replacement suction strainers in the emergency core cooling (ECCS) pumps. The replacement strainer surface areas, which are substantially larger than the currently installed strainers, are required to reduce potential strainer clogging due to debris in the suppression pool following a postulated loss-of-coolant accident.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the installation of the replacement strainers in the ECCS pumps reduces potential strainer clogging due to debris in the suppression pool following a loss-of-coolant accident and does not change the manner in which the plant is being operated or the environmental impacts of operation. The proposed action involves features entirely within the protected area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of