

impacts would be expected to be within the limits of all applicable environmental laws and regulations. Little or no adverse impact on the local infrastructure (e.g., roadways) or traffic near the facilities involved in CEV development would be anticipated. There should be little incremental impact on employment levels at the facilities involved in CEV development. Thus little or no incremental socioeconomic impacts to regional economies would be expected. CEV development activities at NASA facilities would be considered to be within the normal scope of activities at each facility and therefore would have no disproportionately high or adverse human health or environmental impacts on low-income populations or minority populations.

Alternatives considered but not evaluated further included extending Space Shuttle service and weighing different CEV concepts. Refurbishing the Space Shuttle for long-term cargo delivery and human access to the International Space Station was considered impractical. Major modifications to the Shuttle's design to improve crew safety significantly (e.g., a crew escape system) cannot be implemented easily. Moreover, the Shuttle was not designed to withstand the Earth re-entry speeds of a Lunar mission. If flights were to be extended beyond the planned retirement in 2010, the fleet would require recertification, a costly and lengthy process. Moreover, the President has decided to curtail Shuttle operations after 2010.

Other designs and configurations for the CEV were considered initially by NASA. Winged vehicles, lifting bodies, and slender bodies as well as other approaches were addressed and discarded. In the end, it was determined that the present proposed configuration, a legacy of the Apollo Program, was best suited to the long-term safety and success of the human spaceflight systems needed for exploration of the Moon and Mars. Therefore, none of the other configurations was considered further for the purposes of the Final EA.

The alternative evaluated was the No-Action Alternative (i.e., no CEV development). Failure to develop the CEV would disrupt efforts to achieve long-term goals and objectives set forth in NASA's *New Vision for Space Exploration*, the centerpiece of our Nation's civilian space policy. The value of the CEV in realizing the scientific, security, and economic interests underlying the Vision is high. While potential environmental impacts would be avoided by cancellation of the proposed CEV development, the loss of

scientific knowledge and other national interests could be substantial. The United States would not have a spacecraft capable of transporting humans to the International Space Station once the Space Shuttle is retired or to undertake missions to the Lunar surface, Mars or other destinations in the Solar System. Furthermore, people who currently manage the day-to-day operations of the Space Shuttle would not be able to transfer to the CEV program, and United States would risk losing the only skilled-operations workforce with human space-flight experience.

The Final EA that supports this FONSI may be examined by contacting the pertinent Freedom of Information Office:

(a) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (650-604-3273);

(b) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA 93523 (661-276-2704);

(c) NASA, Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, OH 44135 (866-404-3642);

(d) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-4721);

(e) NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (281-483-8612);

(f) NASA, Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32899 (321-867-2745);

(g) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681 (757-864-2497);

(h) NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812 (256-544-1837); and

(i) NASA, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 (228-688-2118).

Should NASA proceed with CEV development, the assembled spacecraft would undergo testing and flight qualification prior to obtaining operational status. These actions would be the subject of future environmental documentation.

On the basis of the Final EA, I have determined that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed action would not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Dated: August 29, 2006.

Douglas Cooke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Exploration Systems Mission Directorate.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0008.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion. Applications for package certification may be made at any time. Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* All NRC specific licensees who place byproduct, source, or special nuclear material into transportation, and all persons who wish to apply for NRC approval of package designs for use in such transportation.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 250 licensees.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 42,896 hours (37,304 hours for reporting requirements and 5,592 for recordkeeping requirements).

7. *Abstract:* NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 71 establish requirements for packing, preparation for shipment, and transportation of licensed material, and prescribe procedures, standards, and requirements for approval by NRC of packaging and shipping procedures for fissile material and for quantities of licensed material in excess of Type A quantities.

Submit, by October 31, 2006, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft 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 about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-5 F52, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of August 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 171, "Duplication Request".

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0066.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Individuals or companies requesting document duplication.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 7,940.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 990 hours (about 7.5 minutes per respondent).

7. *Abstract:* This form is utilized by individual members of the public requesting reproduction of publicly available documents in NRC Headquarters' Public Document Room. Copies of the form are utilized by the reproduction contractor to accompany the orders and are then discarded.

Submit, by October 31, 2006, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of August 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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 Form 398: "Personal Qualification Statement—Licensee".

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 398.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion and every six years (at renewal).

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Individuals requiring a license to operate the controls at a nuclear reactor.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 1,350 (one each per respondent).

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 1,350 annually.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 3,250 (2.4 hours per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 398 requests detailed information that should be submitted by a licensing applicant and facility licensee when applying for a new or renewal license to operate the controls at a nuclear reactor facility. This information, once collected, would be used for licensing actions and for generating reports on the Operator Licensing Program.

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/>