

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: Generic Clearance To Conduct Pre-Testing of Surveys

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments on this collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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. This pre-clearance consultation 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before September 6, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Dr. Connie Bodner, Director of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Bodner can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4636, or by email at cbodner@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the documents contact: Dr. Matthew Birnbaum, Senior Evaluation Officer, Office of Digital and Information Strategy, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Birnbaum can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4760, or by email at mbirnbaum@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a new collection to conduct various procedures to test questionnaires and survey procedures to improve the quality and usability of information

collection instruments. The Agency is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of Federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

IMLS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a generic clearance that will allow IMLS to conduct a variety of data-gathering activities aimed at improving the quality and usability of information collection instruments associated with research and analysis activities, including but not limited to the Public Libraries Survey and the State Library Administrative Agencies Survey.

IMLS envisions using a variety of techniques including field tests, respondent debriefing questionnaires, cognitive interviews, and focus groups in order to identify questionnaire and procedural problems, suggest solutions, and measure the relative effectiveness of alternative solutions.

Following standard OMB requirements, IMLS will submit a change request to OMB for each data collection activity undertaken under this generic clearance. IMLS will provide OMB with the instruments and supporting materials describing the research project and specific pre-testing activities.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- 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: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Generic Clearance to Conduct Pre-Testing of Surveys.

OMB Number: 3137-XXXX.

Affected Public: The respondents will be identified at the time that each change request is submitted to OMB. Respondents will include State, Local, and Tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 650.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 650.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 650 hours.

Dated: July 6, 2020.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-285; NRC-2020-0157]

Omaha Public Power District; Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a request dated March 26, 2020, from the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), for Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1 (FCS), from the

requirement to investigate and report to the NRC when OPPD does not receive notification of receipt of a shipment, or part of a shipment, of low-level radioactive waste within 20 days after transfer from the FCS facility. OPPD requested that the time period for it to receive acknowledgement that the shipment has been received by the intended recipient be extended from 20 to 45 days to avoid an excessive administrative burden as operational experience indicates that such shipments may take more than 20 days to reach their destination.

DATES: The exemption was issued on June 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0157 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2020-0157. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *The NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack D. Parrott, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6634, email: Jack.Parrott@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the exemption is attached.

Dated: July 6, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Bruce Watson,

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Attachment—Exemption

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Docket No. 50-285

Omaha Public Power District

Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1

Exemption From Certain Low-Level Waste Shipment Tracking Requirements of 10 CFR part 20, Appendix G, Section III.E

I. Background

Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1 (FCS), is licensed to the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) under title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 50 (renewed license no. DPR-40, docket no. 50-285). FCS is located in Washington County, Nebraska on the western shore of the Missouri River three miles south of the town of Blair, Nebraska and 20 miles north of Omaha, Nebraska. FCS employed a Combustion Engineering pressurized water reactor nuclear steam supply system licensed to generate 1,500 megawatts (thermal energy). The operating license for FCS was issued on August 9, 1973, and commercial operation commenced on September 26, 1973. The operating license was renewed on November 4, 2003. FCS permanently ceased operations on October 24, 2016, and on November 13, 2016, OPPD certified to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that all fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

By letter dated March 30, 2017 (NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17089A759), OPPD submitted the FCS Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR). A PSDAR is required to be submitted to the NRC by 10 CFR 50.82(a)(4)(i). The FCS PSDAR described the decommissioning approach that was selected by OPPD as the SAFSTOR method where the facility is placed in a safe and stable condition after shutdown. The facility is maintained in that state for approximately 50 years, allowing for levels of radioactivity to decrease through radioactive decay, followed by decontamination of the facility to levels that permit license termination.

By letter dated December 16, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19351E355), OPPD submitted a revised PSDAR describing a change of decommissioning

strategy to the DECON method that would commence prompt decontamination and dismantlement of the facility primarily after all spent nuclear fuel is transferred to the onsite Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). By letter dated May 18, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20139A138), OPPD certified that all spent nuclear fuel assemblies had been permanently transferred out of the FCS spent fuel pool and placed in storage within the onsite ISFSI.

Inherent to the decommissioning process, large volumes of low-level radioactive waste are generated and require processing and/or disposal. FCS will transport low-level radioactive waste from the facility to locations such as the waste disposal facility operated by EnergySolutions, LLC. (ES) in Clive, Utah by truck or by mixed mode shipments, such as a combination of truck and rail. The decommissioning of FCS is scheduled to be complete by 2026.

II. Request/Action

By letter dated March 26, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20085H951), OPPD requested an exemption from 10 CFR part 20, appendix G, "Requirements for Transfers of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Intended for Disposal at Licensed Land Disposal Facilities and Manifests," Section III.E. for transfers of low-level radioactive waste from the FCS facility. Section III.E requires that the shipper of any low-level radioactive waste to a licensed land disposal or processing facility must investigate and trace the shipment if the shipper has not received notification of the shipment's receipt by the disposal or processing facility within 20 days after transfer. In addition, Section III.E requires licensees to report such investigations to the NRC. Specifically, OPPD is requesting an exemption from the requirements in 10 CFR part 20, appendix G, Section III.E, under the provisions of 10 CFR 20.2301, "Applications for exemptions," to extend the time period, for OPPD to receive notification that the shipment has been received, from 20 to 45 days after transfer for a rail or mixed mode shipment from FCS to the intended recipient, before having to investigate and report such shipments to the NRC.

Experience with waste shipments from FCS by ES indicate that the truck transportation time to the ES Clive Disposal Site can take longer than 20 days to complete. In January 2019, ES, under contract to OPPD, transported the original FCS reactor vessel head, as a specialized over-the-road trailer shipment, to the Clive Disposal Site.

The transport started on January 20, 2019 and arrived at the Clive Disposal Site on February 13, 2019. The total transit time between when the trailer was released from the FCS facility until verification of receipt of the trailer at the Clive Disposal Site was 32 days. This was investigated by ES on behalf of FCS and reported to the NRC in a letter, dated February 19, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20078L422). In October 2019, FCS started a shipment of one of FCS's original steam generators, again as a specialized over-the-road trailer shipment by ES, to the Clive Disposal Site. The transport started on October 24, 2019 and, at the time of the investigation, was estimated to arrive in Clive, Utah on December 8, 2019. The total estimated transit time between when the trailer was released from the FCS facility until verification of receipt of the trailer at the Clive Disposal Facility was 45 days. This was investigated by ES on behalf of FCS and reported to the NRC in a letter dated November 20, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19340A027).

III. Discussion

A. The Exemption Is Authorized by Law

The NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 20.2301 allow the Commission to grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in 10 CFR part 20 if it determines the exemption would be authorized by law and would not result in undue hazard to life or property. There are no provisions in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (or in any other Federal statute) that impose a requirement to investigate and report on low-level radioactive waste shipments that have not been acknowledged by the recipient within 20 days of transfer. Therefore, the NRC concludes that there is no statutory prohibition on the issuance of the requested exemption and the NRC is authorized to grant the exemption by law.

B. The Exemption Presents No Undue Risk to Public Health and Safety

The purpose of 10 CFR part 20, appendix G, Section III.E is to require licensees to investigate, trace, and report radioactive shipments that have not reached their destination, as scheduled, for unknown reasons. Data on low-level radioactive waste shipments from FCS described above, found that shipments took longer than 20 days to reach the ES Clive Disposal Site in Clive, Utah once they left the FCS facility, but not longer than 45 days. This was not because they were lost, but simply a result of the complexity involved in shipping large components. In addition, the licensee

notes that shipping times beyond 20 days have been encountered due to issues not specifically related to the transport of large components, such as rail cars containing LLW in switchyards waiting to be included in a complete train to the disposal facility. Based on the history of low-level radioactive waste shipments from FCS, the need to investigate, trace and report on shipments that take longer than 20 days is therefore inappropriate. As stated in the request for exemption, for rail shipments, FCS will utilize an electronic data tracking system interchange, or similar tracking system, that will allow for monitoring the progress of the shipments by the rail carrier on a daily basis in lieu of the 20 day requirement, and will initiate an investigation as provided for in Section III.E after 45 days.

Because of the oversight and monitoring of low-level radioactive waste shipments throughout the entire journey from FCS to a disposal or processing site noted above, it is unlikely that a shipment could be lost, misdirected, or diverted without the knowledge of the carrier or OPPD. Furthermore, by extending the elapsed time for receipt acknowledgment to 45 days before requiring investigations, tracing, and reporting, a reasonable upper limit on shipment duration is maintained if a breakdown of normal tracking systems were to occur. Consequently, the NRC finds that extending the receipt of notification period from 20 to 45 days after transfer of the low-level radioactive waste as described by OPPD in its March 26, 2020, letter would not result in an undue hazard to life or property.

C. The Exemption Is Subject to a Categorical Exclusion

With respect to compliance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (NEPA), the NRC staff has determined that the proposed action, namely, the approval of the OPPD exemption request, is within the scope of the two categorical exclusions listed at 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(B) and 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(C). The proposed action presents (i) no significant hazards consideration, (ii) would not result in a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (iii) would not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure; (iv) has no significant construction impact; (v) does not present a significant increase in the potential for or consequences from

radiological accidents; and (vi) requests an exemption that involves reporting requirements (10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(B)) as well as inspection or surveillance requirements (10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(C)). Therefore, no further analysis is required under NEPA.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the exemption is authorized by law and will not result in undue hazard to life or property. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants OPPD an exemption from 10 CFR part 20, appendix G, Section III.E to extend the receipt of notification period from 20 days to 45 days after transfer for rail or mixed-mode shipments of low-level radioactive waste from the FCS facility to a licensed land disposal or processing facility.

Dated: June 30th, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2020-194 and CP2020-219;
MC2020-195 and CP2020-220]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: July 14, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: