

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office is announcing receipt of a notice of intent to conduct an audit pursuant to the section 115 blanket license.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhea Efthimiadis, Assistant to the General Counsel, by email at meft@copyright.gov or telephone at 202-707-8350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act (the “MMA”) substantially modified the compulsory “mechanical” license for reproducing and distributing phonorecords of nondramatic musical works under 17 U.S.C. 115.¹ It did so by switching from a song-by-song licensing system to a blanket licensing regime that became available on January 1, 2021 (the “license availability date”), administered by a mechanical licensing collective (the “MLC”) designated by the Copyright Office (the “Office”).² Digital music providers (“DMPs”) are able to obtain this new statutory mechanical blanket license (the “blanket license”) to make digital phonorecord deliveries of nondramatic musical works, including in the form of permanent downloads, limited downloads, or interactive streams (referred to in the statute as “covered activity” where such activity qualifies for a blanket license), subject to various requirements, including reporting and payment obligations.³ The MLC is tasked with collecting royalties from DMPs under the blanket license and distributing them to musical work copyright owners.⁴

In connection with the new blanket license, the MMA also provides for certain audit rights. Under the MMA, the MLC may periodically audit DMPs operating under the blanket license to verify the accuracy of royalty payments made by DMPs to the MLC.⁵ Likewise, musical work copyright owners may periodically audit the MLC to verify the accuracy of royalty payments made by the MLC to copyright owners.⁶ To commence an audit, a notice of intent to conduct an audit must be filed with the Office and delivered to the party(ies) being audited.⁷ The Office must then cause notice to be published in the **Federal Register** within 45 days of receipt.⁸

On April 29, 2024, the Office received a notice of intent to conduct an audit of the MLC from the Songwriters Guild of America, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. A copy of the notice will be made available on the Office’s website at <https://copyright.gov/music-modernization/audits/>.

Dated: May 21, 2024.
Suzanne V. Wilson,
General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is seeking comment concerning a proposed revision to an existing information collection that it uses to solicit grant applications, recruit peer reviewers, and monitor the performance of recipients.

DATES: Please submit comments by July 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Lutie Rodriguez, Data Coordination & Enablement Officer, Office of Data and Evaluation, National Endowment for the Humanities: 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20506, or lrodriguez@neh.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview of This Information Collection

Type of Review: Revision of an existing information collection.

Title of Information Collection: Generic Clearance Authority for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Abstract: The National Endowment for the Humanities is seeking to renew

its generic clearance authority. The generic clearance authority includes all NEH information collections, except one-time evaluations, questionnaires, and surveys. We do not anticipate any significant changes to the previous burden estimate for associated forms and reporting requirements.

OMB Number: 3136-0134.

Affected Public: Applicants to NEH grant programs, reviewers of NEH grant applications, and NEH award recipients.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Respondents: 6,767.

Total Responses: 6,767.

Estimated Time per Response: Varies according to type of information collection.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 296,433.

Request for Comments

NEH will make comments submitted in response to this notice, including names and addresses where provided, a matter of public record. NEH will summarize the contents and include them in the request for OMB approval. We are requesting comments on all aspects of this clearance request, including (a) 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; (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 respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 21, 2024.

Jessica Graves,
Paralegal Specialist, National Endowment for the Humanities.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2024-0097]

Effect of Statutory Prohibition on Uranium Imports From the Russian Federation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a notice

¹ Public Law 115-264, 132 Stat. 3676 (2018).

² 17 U.S.C. 115(d).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.* at 115(d)(4)(D).

⁶ *Id.* at 115(d)(3)(L).

⁷ *Id.* at 115(d)(3)(L)(i)(IV), (d)(4)(D)(i)(IV).

⁸ *Id.* at 115(d)(3)(L)(i)(IV), (d)(4)(D)(i)(IV).