

similarly situated (10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iii)).

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.46(a)(3)(iii) is to ensure that the NRC receives timely notification of the nature and estimated effect of errors or changes in the limiting ECCS analysis. A thorough understanding of ECCS performance is critical to the staff's review; however, since review of the U.S. EPR standard design certification application has been suspended at the applicant's request, any report filed under 10 CFR 50.46 would not be reviewed until such time as the design certification review is reactivated. Framatome has committed to submit the required report before requesting that the NRC reactivate its review of the design certification. Submitting a report under 50.46(a)(3)(iii) before the resumption of any review of the design certification is sufficient to meet the underlying purpose of the regulation. Submitting annual reports for the years 2024 through 2028 while the review is suspended is not necessary to meet the underlying purpose of the regulation.

The preparation of reports required by 10 CFR 50.46(a)(3)(iii) is time consuming and requires resources to review and document the condition reports for any change to or error in an acceptable evaluation model or in the application of such a model. As such, requiring Framatome to submit annual 10 CFR 50.46 reports that would not be reviewed would be to subject them to an undue hardship that is significantly in excess of those contemplated when the regulation was adopted.

For the above stated reasons, special circumstances are present under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(i) and 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iii).

Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion From Environmental Review

With respect to the exemption's impact on the quality of the human environment, the NRC has determined that this specific exemption request is eligible for categorical exclusion as identified in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25) provided that:

(i) There is no significant hazards consideration;

The criteria for determining whether there is no significant hazards consideration are found in 10 CFR 50.92(c). The proposed action involves only a schedule change regarding the submission of a report on errors or changes in the ECCS analysis for a standard design certification application review which is currently suspended. Therefore, there is no significant hazards consideration because granting the proposed exemption would not:

(1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or

(2) Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or

(3) Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

(ii) There is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite;

The proposed action involves only a schedule change, which is administrative in nature and does not involve any changes to be made in the types or significant increase in the amounts of effluents that may be released offsite.

(iii) There is no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure;

Since the proposed action involves only a schedule change, which is administrative in nature, it does not contribute to any significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure.

(iv) There is no significant construction impact;

The proposed action involves only a schedule change which is administrative in nature; the application is for a standard design certification the review of which is suspended until further notice. No application for construction or operation has been filed. Accordingly, the proposed action does not involve any construction impact.

(v) There is no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents;

The proposed action involves only a schedule change which is administrative in nature and does not impact the probability or consequences of accidents.

(vi) The requirements from which an exemption is sought involve:

(1) Reporting requirements;

The exemption request involves submitting a report required by 10 CFR 50.46(a)(3)(iii);

and

(2) Scheduling requirements;

The proposed exemption relieves the applicant from submitting the required reports for the years 2024 through 2028.

IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances, as defined by 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2), are present. Therefore, the

Commission hereby grants Framatome an extension to the exemption from the reporting requirements of 10 CFR 50.46(a)(3)(iii) until December 31, 2028. This exemption provides that Framatome shall submit a report under 10 CFR 50.46(a)(3)(iii) before making any request that the NRC resume its review of the U.S. EPR standard design certification application and that Framatome shall update that report or take other appropriate actions no later than December 31, 2028.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22, the Commission has determined that the exemption request meets the applicable categorical exclusion criteria set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25), and the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of December 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michele Sampson,

Director, Division of New and Renewed Licenses, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee

Virtual Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that a virtual meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025. There will be no in-person gathering for this meeting.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded

recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2023 are posted at <http://www.opm.gov/fprac>. Previous reports are also available, upon written request to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-2858.

DATES: The virtual meeting will be held on January 9, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will convene virtually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ana Paunoiu, 202-606-2858, or email paypolicy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public, with an audio option for listening. This notice sets forth the participation guidelines for the meeting.

Meeting Agenda: The committee meets to discuss various agenda items related to the determination of prevailing wage rates for the Federal Wage System. The committee's agenda is approved one week prior to the public meeting and will be available upon request at that time.

Public Participation: The January 9, 2025, meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is open to the public through advance registration. Public participation is available for the meeting. All individuals who plan to attend the virtual public meeting to listen must register by sending an email to paypolicy@opm.gov with the subject line "January 9, 2025" no later than Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

The following information must be provided when registering:

- Name.
- Agency and duty station.
- Email address.
- Your topic of interest.

Members of the press, in addition to registering for this event, must also RSVP to media@opm.gov by January 7, 2025.

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the registration. Audio teleconference information for participation will be sent to registrants the morning of the virtual meeting.

Office of Personnel Management.

Stephen Hickman,

Federal Register Liaison.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: 3206-0245, Request for Change to Unreduced Annuity, RI 20-120

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Retirement Services offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on the reinstatement of an expired information collection request (ICR), Request for Change to Unreduced Annuity, RI 20-120.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) and title, by the following method:

—*Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or RIN for this document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or via electronic mail at RSPublicationsTeam@opm.gov or telephone at (202) 936-0401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) as amended (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB No. 3206-0245). The Office of Personnel Management is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. 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;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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.

RI 20-120 is designed to collect information the Office of Personnel Management needs to comply with the wishes of the retired Federal employee whose marriage has ended. This form provides an organized way for the retiree to supply all information needed to change to an unreduced annuity (*i.e.*, remove the spousal reduction) at one time. OPM is specifically seeking comments on the proposed burden and respondent audience.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Request for Change to Unreduced Annuity.

OMB Number: 3206-0245.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 2,500 minutes.

Office of Personnel Management.

Alexys Stanley,

Federal Register Liaison.

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