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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0102]

Information Collection: Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine- 131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations other than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed information collection: request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on this proposed collection of information of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a proposed collection of information. The information collection is entitled, “Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine-131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations other than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients.”

DATES: Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0102. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher;

telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, Mail Stop: T-5 F53, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6258; e-mail: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments.

A. Obtaining Information.

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0102 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0102. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2015-0102 on this Web site.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):**
You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection

at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “[ADAMS Public Documents](#)” and then select “[Begin Web-based ADAMS Search](#).” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No.: ML15086A164. The supporting statement available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15086A166.

- **NRC’s PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
- **NRC’s Clearance Officer:** A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC’s Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6258; e-mail: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

B. Submitting Comments.

Please include Docket ID NRC-2015-0102 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:*

Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine-131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations other than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients

2. *OMB approval number:* An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.

3. *Type of submission:* New

4. *The form number, if applicable:* NA

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* One-time

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Institutions that treat thyroid cancer patients with I-131 and the thyroid cancer patients who have been treated.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses: 5,175 (175 for treating institutions and 5000 for individuals)*
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents: 5,175*
9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request: 1,675 (175 hours for treating institution and 1500 hours for individuals)*
10. *Abstract:*

Although most patients return to their home after receiving diagnostic or therapeutic of Iodine-131, some patients released by the licensee may stay at another location (such as a hotel) for a few days. However, the extent of this practice is unclear. The same uncertainty exists regarding patients returning to nursing homes and other institutional settings. Therefore, one of the main objectives of this study is to obtain reliable statistical data that provides good estimates of the prevalence of these practices. The second objective is to determine, by measurements, the external and internal doses received by members of the general public at hotels, nursing homes, or other institutional settings that receive treated patients immediately after their release.

III. Specific Requests for Comments.

The NRC is seeking 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 estimate of the burden of the information collection 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 on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of May 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,
NRC Clearance Officer,
Office of Information Services.

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