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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0235]

Information Collection: NRC Forms 542 and 542A, Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Index and Regional Compact Tabulation) and Continuation Page

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, "NRC Forms 542 and 542A, Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Index and Regional Compact Tabulation) and Continuation Page."

DATES: Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 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:** Submit comments directly to the OMB reviewer at: OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0165), Attn: Desk Officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Cullison, NRC Clearance Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2018-0235** 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 <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2018-0235**. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID **NRC-2018-0235** 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 <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 (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdresource@nrc.gov. A copy of NRC Forms 542 and 542A and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML18313A148, ML18313A149, and ML071870172, respectively. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19240A377.

- **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 the NRC's Clearance Officer,

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B. Submitting Comments

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. All comment submissions are posted at <https://www.regulations.gov/> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the OMB, 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 comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, "NRC Forms 542 and 542A, Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Index and Regional Compact Tabulation) and Continuation Page." 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.

The NRC published a *Federal Register* notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on July 3, 2019 (84 FR 31930).

1. *The title of the information collection:* “NRC Forms 542 and 542A, Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (Index and Regional Compact Tabulation) and Continuation Page.”

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0165.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Forms 542 and 542A.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Forms are used by shippers when radioactive waste is shipped. Quarterly or less frequent reporting is made to Agreement States depending on specific license conditions. No reporting is made to the NRC.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* All NRC or Agreement State low-level waste facilities licensed pursuant to part 61 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) or equivalent Agreement State regulations. All generators, collectors, and processors of low-level waste intended for disposal at a low-level waste facility must complete the appropriate forms.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 756.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 22.

Note that the NRC does not collect or retain data on manifest forms and the forms are not sent to or received by the NRC. The estimates provided in items seven and eight above are from the previous form renewal Notice. The NRC did not receive any public comment on the previous renewal suggesting that these estimates should be revised.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 567.

10. *Abstract:* NRC Forms 542 and 542A, provide a set of standardized forms to meet Department of Transportation, NRC, and State requirements. The forms were

developed by NRC at the request of low-level waste industry groups. The forms provide uniformity and efficiency in the collection of information contained in manifests which are required to control transfers of low-level radioactive waste intended for disposal at a land disposal facility. The NRC Form 542, completed by waste collectors or processors, contains information which facilitates tracking the identity of the waste generator. That tracking becomes more complicated when the waste forms, dimensions, or packaging are changed by the waste processor. Each container of waste shipped from a waste processor may contain waste from several different generators. The information provided on the NRC Form 542 permits the States and Compacts to know the original generators of low-level waste, as authorized by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985, so they can ensure that waste is disposed of in the appropriate Compact.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of October, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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