NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0136]

Information Collection: Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information

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 proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, “Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information.”

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 (NRC-2019-0136), Attn: Desk Officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 725 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: oira_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-2019-0136 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-2019-0136. A copy of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2019-0136 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 “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. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19350A232.

- **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, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; e-mail: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.
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 http://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 proposed collection of information to OMB for review entitled, “Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information.” 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 October 7, 2019 (84 FR 53479).

1. **The title of the information collection:** Requests to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for Information.

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:** Not Applicable.

5. **How often the collection is required or requested:** On occasion.

6. **Who will be required or asked to respond:** Federally recognized Indian Tribes.

7. **The estimated number of annual responses:** 600.

8. **The estimated number of annual respondents:** 40.

9. **An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:** 4,800 (14,400 over the course of the three-year clearance period).
10. **Abstract:** NRC actions and NRC-regulated activities may affect Indian Tribes and their current or ancestral Tribal lands. On January 9, 2017, the NRC published a Tribal Policy Statement (82 FR 2402). In its Tribal Policy Statement, the NRC indicted that it recognizes the Federal Trust Relationship with Indian Tribes and will uphold its Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes. In its policy statement, the NRC indicated that it recognizes and is committed to a government-to-government relationship with Indian Tribes. The NRC also indicated that it will engage in timely consultations with Indian Tribes. The NRC is requesting OMB approval of a plan for a generic collection of information. The need and practicality of the collection can be evaluated, but the details of the specific individual collections will not be known until a later time. The information collected will include voluntary requests for information that would allow the NRC to more effectively involve Indian Tribes in the NRC’s regulatory activities and to enable the NRC to plan the NRC’s Tribal outreach and consultation activities.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of January 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David C. Cullison,
NRC Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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