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Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by July 11, 1997: Edward Michlovich, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0011), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.

2. The title of the information collection: Proposed rule, 10 CFR Parts 30 and 32—Exempt Distribution of a Radioactive Drug Containing One Microcurie of Carbon-14 Urea.

3. The form number if applicable: NRC Form 313.

4. How often the collection is required: On occasion.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Manufacturers and distributors of the radioactive drug containing Carbon-14 urea.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 3.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 3.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 54 hours initially; thereafter 48 hours annually—16 hours for each of 3 respondents (48 hours per year reporting burden and a one-time 6-hour recordkeeping burden, 2 hours for each of 3 respondents)

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Applicable.

10. Abstract: In response to a petition for rulemaking submitted by Tri-Med Specialties, Inc., the NRC is proposing to amend its regulations to allow NRC licensees to distribute a radioactive drug containing one microcurie of carbon-14 urea to any person for "in vivo" diagnostic use. The adoption of this amendment would make the drug more widely available, thus reducing costs to patients.

Submit, by July 11, 1997, 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 burden estimate 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 be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule indicated in "The title of the information collection" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** Notice.

Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306]

Northern States Power Company; Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60, issued to Northern States Power Company (NSP, the licensee), for operation of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed amendments would revise the technical specifications (TS) to take credit for soluble boron in the spent fuel pool in maintaining an acceptable margin of subcriticality. However, even if the spent fuel pool were to be completely filled with unborated water, the licensee's dilution event calculations show that the spent fuel pool would remain subcritical.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Currently, compliance with the TS requirement to maintain criticality (k_{eff}) in the spent fuel pool to less than 0.95 with unborated water is accomplished through the use of Boraflex, a neutron absorber. However, recent tests have indicated that the Boraflex is showing degradation induced by gamma radiation. Maintaining a boron concentration of 1800 parts per million in the spent fuel pool is more than sufficient to ensure that the k_{eff} is maintained below 0.95.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the licensee's proposal to take credit for soluble boron in the spent fuel pool water to maintain k_{eff} less than or equal to 0.95 is acceptable.