

philosophy of the role of chemical process safety in relation to NRC-licensed materials. It sets forth the basic information needed to properly evaluate chemical process safety. It describes plausible methods of identifying and evaluating chemical hazards and assessing the adequacy of the chemical safety of the proposed equipment and facilities. Examples of equipment and methods commonly used to prevent and/or mitigate the consequences of chemical incidents are discussed in this document.

NUREG-1601 highlights the importance of performing an adequate analysis of chemical hazards in processing licensed material at fuel cycle facilities, so as to reduce the potential for radiological and nonradiological exposures to workers and the public and to minimize releases to the environment. NUREG-1601 is not a substitute for the regulations, and compliance is not a requirement. This guidance document describes a general philosophy of the role of chemical process safety regarding NRC-licensed material.

#### *Electronic Access*

NUREG-1601 is also available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

#### **Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act**

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996, NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of August, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Theodore S. Sherr,**

*Chief, Regulatory and International Safeguards Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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#### **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

#### **Data Collection Form Required by OMB Circular No. A-133**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of standard form.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice indicates the availability of the final "Data Collection Form for Reporting on Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" (SF-SAC), which is required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the "Data Collection Form for Reporting on Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" (SF-SAC) may be obtained from the OMB home page on the Internet which is currently located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/Grants>. This standard form will soon be available from the OMB fax information line, 202-395-9068. Paper copies of the standard form are available from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, Bureau of the Census, 1201 E. 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132, telephone 1-888-222-9907.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila Conley (telephone: 202-395-3993), Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, N.W.—Room 6025, Washington, DC 20503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice indicates the availability of the final "Data Collection Form for Reporting on Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" (SF-SAC), which is required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, recently re-titled "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." Circular A-133, including the requirement to submit a SF-SAC, applies to audits of fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1996.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the first notice of the information collection request included in Circular A-133 was published in the November 5, 1996, **Federal Register** (61 FR 57232) as part of the proposed revision of Circular A-133. The second notice of announcing that this information collection request was submitted to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) for processing under 5 CFR 1320.10, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 1997 (62 FR 35302) along with the final revision of Circular A-133 (62 FR 35278).

OMB received ten letters providing public comments in response to the June 30, 1997, **Federal Register** notice. The comment letters and OMB's responses are available for public

inspection in the OIRA docket library. All comments were considered in finalizing the information collection form. Several changes were made to the form and its accompanying instructions.

OIRA, acting for OMB, approved the information collection without conditions with an expiration date of August 31, 2000, and assigned a control number, 0348-0057. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, potential respondents are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number assigned by OMB (44 U.S.C. 3512(a)).

**G. Edward DeSeve,**

*Controller.*

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#### **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

#### **Determination of Quarterly Rate of Excise Tax for Railroad Retirement Supplemental Annuity Program**

In accordance with directions in Section 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (26 U.S.C., Section 3221(c)), the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that the excise tax imposed by such Section 3221(c) on every employer, with respect to having individuals in his employ, for each work-hour for which compensation is paid by such employer for services rendered to him during the quarter beginning October 1, 1997, shall be at the rate of 35 cents.

In accordance with directions in Section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that for the quarter beginning October 1, 1997, 31.4 percent of the taxes collected under Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Account and 68.6 percent of the taxes collected under such Sections 1211(b) and 3221(c) plus 100 percent of the taxes collected under Section 3221(d) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Supplemental Account.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

By Authority of the Board.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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