

during the public forums, SBA officials will not provide comment on the testimony of speakers. SBA requests that commenters focus on the contents of SBA's 2023 Revised Methodology. SBA requests that commenters do not raise issues pertaining to specific industries, or issues outside the scope of SBA's 2023 Revised Methodology.

In the December 11, 2023, **Federal Register** notice, SBA requested feedback on a number of questions within the scope of the 2023 Revised Methodology, including: (a) Should SBA adopt a new disparity ratio approach to evaluating small business participation in the Federal market, which will replace the Federal contracting factor the Agency used in the past?; (b) Should SBA lower size standards regardless of prevailing economic conditions when the analytical results support lowering them or should it consider the prevailing economic environment when deciding on whether to revise size standards?; (c) Should SBA consider adjusting employee-based size standards for labor productivity growth or increased automation similar to it adjusts monetary-based size standards for inflation?; (d) Should SBA consider lowering its size standards generally?; (e) Are there alternative or additional factors or data sources that SBA should consider when establishing, reviewing, or revising size standards?; and (f) Does SBA's current approach to establishing or modifying small business size standards make sense in the current economic environment? SBA hopes to receive public input on these questions, as well as on others, as posed in the December 2023 notice.

Presenters are encouraged to provide a written copy of their testimony. SBA will accept written material that the presenter wishes to provide that further supplements his or her testimony during the public forums. Electronic or digitized submissions are encouraged. The two virtual public forums on size standards will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST; SBA will adjourn early if all testimony has been delivered before the end time.

### III. Registration

Participants must pre-register to attend either of the two virtual public forums on size standards by visiting SBA's size standards web page at <http://www.sba.gov/size> and registering at the link provided. On the registration form, participants may indicate whether they would like to testify at the forum. After registering, participants will receive an email with an access link and call-in

information which can be used to access the forum on the scheduled date and time. Additional information about the forum is provided on SBA's announcements about updating size standards web page, available at [https://www.sba.gov/articles?keyword=&article\\_type=253&field\\_article\\_authoring\\_office\\_target\\_id=5086&langcode=All](https://www.sba.gov/articles?keyword=&article_type=253&field_article_authoring_office_target_id=5086&langcode=All), and in the invitation that participants receive upon registration. SBA will attempt to accommodate all interested parties that wish to present testimony. Based on the number of registrants it may be necessary to impose time limits to ensure that everyone who wishes to testify can do so.

### IV. Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance contact Samuel Castilla at the telephone number or email address indicated above under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**Sam Le,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 12301]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to March 18, 2024.

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

- **Web:** Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2024-0001" in

the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- **Email:** [DDTCPublicComments@state.gov](mailto:DDTCPublicComments@state.gov).

- **Regular Mail:** Send written comments to: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Attn: Managing Director, 2401 E St. NW, Suite H-1205, Washington, DC 20522-0112.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Andrea Battista, who may be reached at [BattistaAL@state.gov](mailto:BattistaAL@state.gov) or 202-663-3136.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- **Title of Information Collection:** Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party.
  - **OMB Control Number:** 1405-0227.
  - **Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.
  - **Originating Office:** Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Department of State (T/PM/DDTC).
  - **Form Number:** DS-7789.
  - **Respondents:** Individuals and companies registered with DDTC and engaged in the business of manufacturing, brokering, exporting, or temporarily importing defense hardware or defense technology data.
  - **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 698.
  - **Estimated Number of Responses:** 698.
  - **Average Time per Response:** 2 hours.
  - **Total Estimated Burden Time:** 1,396 hours.
  - **Frequency:** On occasion.
  - **Obligation to Respond:** Mandatory.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
  - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
  - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
  - Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques

or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120–130), has the principal missions of taking final action on license applications and other requests for defense trade transactions via commercial channels, ensuring compliance with the statute and regulations, and collecting various types of reports. By statute, Executive Order, regulation, and delegation of authority, DDTC is charged with controlling the export and temporary import of defense articles, the provision of defense services, and the brokering thereof, which are covered by the U.S. Munitions List.

ITAR §§ 122.4 and 129.8 requires registrants to notify DDTC in the event of a change in registration information or if the registrant is a party to a merger, acquisition, or divestiture of an entity producing or marketing ITAR-controlled items. Based on certain conditions enunciated in the ITAR, respondents must notify DDTC of these changes at differing intervals—no less than 60 days prior to the event, if a foreign person is acquiring a registered entity, and/or within 5 days of its culmination. This information is necessary for DDTC to ensure registration records are accurate and to determine whether the transaction is in compliance with the regulations (*e.g.*, with respect to ITAR § 126.1); assess the steps that need to be taken with respect to existing authorizations (*e.g.*, transfers); and to evaluate the implications for US national security and foreign policy.

### Methodology

This information will be collected by DDTC's electronic case management system and respondents will certify the data via electronic signature.

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Subsequent License Renewal Project; Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.  
**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has decided to adopt the Preferred Alternative identified in the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Subsequent License Renewal (SLR) project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS). The Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Subsequent License Renewal project was published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 2023. The Preferred Alternative, Alternative B—BFN Units 1, 2, and 3 Subsequent License Renewal, supports TVA's goal to continue to generate baseload power at the BFN site between 2033 and 2056, thus generating sufficient electricity to supply the Tennessee Valley with increasingly clean, reliable, and affordable electricity for the region's homes and businesses as outlined in TVA's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Taylor Johnson, NEPA Compliance Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street, BR 2C–C, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402; by telephone (423) 751–2732, or email at [jtcates@tva.gov](mailto:jtcates@tva.gov). The Final SEIS, this Record of Decision (ROD), and other project documents are available on TVA's website <https://www.tva.gov/nepa>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500 through 1508) and TVA's NEPA procedures 18 CFR part 1318. TVA is a corporate agency and instrumentality of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors serving 10 million people in the Tennessee Valley—an 80,000-square-mile region comprised of Tennessee and parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia. TVA receives no taxpayer funding and derives virtually all revenues from the sale of electricity. In addition to operating and investing revenues in its power system, TVA provides flood control, navigation, and

land management for the Tennessee Valley watershed, and provides economic development and job creation assistance within the Tennessee Valley power service area.

In March 2002 and June 2002, TVA issued a Final SEIS and a ROD for the operating license renewal of BFN. TVA submitted a License Renewal Application (LRA) to the NRC in December 2003 for a 20-year renewal of the operating licenses for each BFN unit. The environmental conclusions of the NRC Final SEIS did not differ from the TVA Final SEIS conclusions, and the NRC issued Supplement 21 regarding Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Units 1, 2, and 3, to the Generic EIS (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (NUREG–1437) in June 2005. The NRC issued operating license renewals for Units 1, 2, and 3 in May 2006, allowing continued operation of the three BFN units until 2033, 2034, and 2036, respectively.

In September 2015, TVA submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for extended power uprate (EPU) of all three units. The NRC issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2016, for public comment. On May 22, 2017, the NRC issued the Final EA and FONSI related to the EPU license amendment.

BFN's 3,900 MWe of electric generating capability provides power to the Tennessee Valley Power Service Area. The TVA service area obtains approximately 40 percent of its power from nuclear generation and BFN provides approximately half of that total. BFN's current baseload generation supports future forecasted baseload power needs, as outlined in the TVA's 2019 IRP, by helping to maintain grid stability and generating capacity for TVA's generation portfolio mix. TVA prepared the Final SEIS pursuant to NEPA to assess the environmental impacts associated with SLR for BFN Units 1, 2, and 3.

### Alternatives Considered

TVA considered a wide range of options to identify feasible alternatives available to supply approximately 3,900 MWe between 2033 to 2056, and ultimately carried forward two alternatives for evaluation. The two alternatives considered by TVA in the Final SEIS are:

**Alternative A—No Action.** Under this alternative, TVA would not submit a SLR application to the NRC to renew the BFN operating licenses. If Alternative A were to be selected, TVA would allow the current BFN operating licenses to