202–219–5263 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Alien Labor Certification Program operates under regulations at 20 CFR 655 and 656. The Alien Certification Program, as administered by the Department of Labor, requires the State employment security agencies (SESA) to initially process applications for alien certifications filed by U.S. employers on behalf of alien workers wishing to enter the U.S. for permanent employment and certain temporary employment purposes, conduct wage surveys, provide wage information to U.S. employers wishing to employ foreign workers, conduct housing inspections of facilities employers offer to migrant and seasonal workers, and recruit for qualified U.S. workers for employers applying for alien certification. The SESA perform these functions under a reimbursable grant that is awarded annually. The data from this report provides important program information about SESA workload in a number of immigration programs and provides ETA with more timely management information. The data is used for program monitoring and evaluation and for future distribution of alien certification funds.

II. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval under [the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A))] of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205–0015. There is no change in burden.

Type of Review: Extension

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor

Title: Alien Labor Certification Activity Report

OMB Number: 1205–0015

Frequency: Semi-Annually

Affected Public: Regional, State or local governments

Number of Respondents: 54

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours per response

Total Estimated Cost: No Cost to Respondents

Total Burden Hours: 216.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50–456 and STN 50–457]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) to withdraw its August 15, 1995, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–72 and NPF–77, for the Braidwood Station, Unit 1, located in Will County, Illinois. The proposed amendment would have modified the facility technical specifications to renew the 1.0 volt interim plugging criteria (IPC) for the Braidwood, Unit 1, steam generators (SG) in accordance with Generic Letter 95–05, “Voltage-Based Repair Criteria for Westinghouse Steam Generators” which was described in a previous letter dated August 3, 1995. This request was made as a contingency in the event that the 3.0 volt IPC which ComEd had previously submitted on February 13, 1995, was not approved in order to support the startup of Braidwood, Unit 1, from the Cycle 3 refueling outage. On November 9, 1995, the Commission issued Amendment No. 69, thereby nullifying the August 15, 1995, request. Subsequently, by letter dated November 13, 1995, you withdrew the amendment request.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on October 5, 1995, (60 FR 52222). However, by letter dated November 13, 1995, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 15, 1995, and the licensee’s letter dated November 13, 1995 which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission’s Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.


John M. Robinson,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment Training Administration.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Interim Final Amendments to OMB’s Governmentwide Guidance on Lobbying.

SUMMARY: The “Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995,” signed by the President on December 19, 1995, included some amendments to 31 U.S. Code Section 1352, popularly known as the Byrd Amendment. The new law makes these amendments effective January 1, 1996.


DATES: These interim final amendments are effective January 1, 1996. Comments must be in writing and must be received by March 19, 1996. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Office of Management and Budget, Lobbying Docket, Room 6025, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments up to three pages in length may be submitted via facsimile to KAHLOW—B@1.EOP.GOV. Please include the full body of electronic mail comments in the text and not as an attachment. Please include the name, title, organization, postal address, and E-mail address in the text of the message.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On December 19, 1995, the President signed the “Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995” (Pub. L. 104–65). This Act includes some amendments to 31 U.S. Code Section 1352, popularly known as the Byrd Amendment, which was signed into law on October 23, 1989 (Pub. L. 101–121). The new law makes these amendments effective January 1, 1996.

The Byrd Amendment required the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue governmentwide guidance for agency implementation of, and compliance with, the requirements of the Byrd Amendment. On December 18, 1989 (published December 20, 1989), OMB issued interim final guidance entitled “Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying” (54 FR 52306). The Conference Report called for major agencies, as designated by OMB, to issue a common rule complying with OMB’s guidance. On February 26, 1990, 29 agencies co-signed such an interim final common rule (55 FR 6736). A second interim final common rule, part of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), for most contracts was published on January 30, 1990 (55 FR 3190).

Today’s notice includes amendments to OMB’s December 1989 guidance to reflect the new lobbying statute. These amendments will apply governmentwide and will subsequently be reflected in the two governmentwide common rules.

The new lobbying statute essentially made three changes to the Byrd Amendment. The law: (a) simplified the information required by 31 U.S.C. 1352(b)(2)–(3) to be disclosed; (b) eliminated the requirement in 31 U.S.C. 1352(b)(6) that agencies submit semi-annual compilations to Congress; and, (c) eliminated the requirement in 31 U.S.C. 1352(d) for the Inspectors General’s annual report to Congress.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

These amendments contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. A Paperwork Reduction Act emergency approval was requested by OMB pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(l) and 5 CFR 1320.13 and was granted under OMB control number 0348–0046. OMB estimates a substantial reduction in reporting burden due to these amendments. Instead of the prior estimate of 30 minutes per response, OMB estimates only 10 minutes per response.

Alice M. Rivlin,

Director.

PART ____ NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

1. The authority citation for part ____ is revised to read as follows:


2. Subpart F (Agency Reports), consisting of § .600 (Semi-annual compilation) and § .605 (Inspector General report), is removed.

3. In Appendix B, Standard Form (SF)–LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, is amended as follows:

a. Item 10a is amended by revising “Name and Address of Lobbying Entity” to read “Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant”; and,

b. In item 10, the statement “(attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF–LLL–A, if necessary)” is removed; and,

c. Items 11 through 15 are removed.

4. In Appendix B, the Instructions for Completion of SF–LLL. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities are amended as follows:

a. In the introductory text, remove the sentence “Use the SF–LLL–A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate.”;

b. The instruction for item 10(a) is amended by revising “lobbying entity” to read “registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995”;

c. The instructions for items 11 through 15 are removed.

5. The SF–LLL–A Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet is removed.

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Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that an information collection request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB’s) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for emergency processing under 5 CFR 1320.13. The information collection request is for amendments to the Standard Form (SF)–LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, as necessitated by the “Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, which became law on December 19, 1995 and which becomes effective January 1, 1996. This early effective date necessitates a request for emergency processing for approval for 90 days.

The SF–LLL is the standard disclosure reporting form for lobbying paid for with non-Federal funds, as required by OMB’s governmentwide guidance for new restrictions on lobbying, which was issued under 31 U.S.C. 1352 (popularly know as the “Byrd Amendment”). The new lobbying statute simplified the information required to be disclosed under 31 U.S.C. 1352. A companion notice in today’s Federal Register solicits comments on the revised SF–LLL.


ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Edward Springer, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Room 10236 New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

John B. Arthur,
Associate Director for Administration.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Identification of Priority Foreign Countries: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public concerning acts, policies, and practices to be considered with respect to identification of countries under section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act).

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. 19 U.S.C. 2242. In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of the countries identified should be designated as priority foreign countries. Priority foreign countries typically are subject to a “special” 301