

for approval the information collection described in this notice, which is used to request copies of land entry records in the National Archives of the United States. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before January 30, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Ms. Maya Bernstein, Desk Officer for NARA, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Mary Ann Hadyka or Nancy Allard at telephone number 301-713-6730, or fax number 301-713-7270.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on August 22, 1996 (61 FR 43388). No comments were received. The previous notice referred in the title of the information collection and description to "land claim records." The actual title of the form is "National Archives Order for Land Entry Files" and this notice correctly carries that title. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection

Title: National Archives Order for Land Entry Files

OMB number: New collection; number to be assigned.

Agency form number: NATF 84

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals who wish to order copies of land entry records in the National Archives of the United States.

Estimated number of respondents: 14,000.

Estimated time per response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent wishes to search for or order copies of land entry records in the custody of the National Archives of the United States).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,334 (rounded off number).

Abstract: The NATF form 84 will be used by researchers to request that NARA search for and make copies of pages from Federal land entry case files in the custody of the National Archives. These records generally date from 1800 to approximately 1965. Submission of requests on a form is necessary to handle in a timely fashion the volume of requests received for these records (approximately 14,000 per year) and the need to obtain specific information from the researcher to search for the records sought. The form will be printed on carbonless paper as a multi-part form to allow the researcher to retain a copy of his request and NARA to respond to the researcher on the results of the search or to bill for copies if the researcher wishes to order the copies. As a convenience, the form will allow researchers to provide credit card information to authorize billing and expedited mailing of the copies. NARA is not able at present to accept electronic submission of requests; however, we intend to address security of financial information and other issues as we continue our efforts to increase electronic access to NARA and its holdings.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Policy and IRM Services.

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Office of Records Administration; Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records

schedules). Records schedules identify records of sufficient value to warrant preservation in the National Archives of the United States. Schedules also authorize agencies after a specified period to dispose of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules that (1) Propose the destruction of records not previously authorized for disposal, or (2) reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before February 14, 1997. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. The requester will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: Address requests for single copies of schedules identified in this notice to the Records Appraisal and Disposition Division (NIR), National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD 20740. Requesters must cite the control number assigned to each schedule when requesting a copy. The control number appears in the parentheses immediately after the name of the requesting agency.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year U.S. Government agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. In order to control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare records schedules specifying when the agency no longer needs the records and what happens to the records after this period. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. These comprehensive schedules provide for the eventual transfer to the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records, and many are updates of previously approved schedules. Such schedules also may include records that are designated for permanent retention.

Destruction of records requires the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted after a thorough study of the records that takes into account their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and historical or other value.

This public notice identifies the Federal agencies and their subdivisions requesting disposition authority,

includes the control number assigned to each schedule, and briefly describes the records proposed for disposal. The records schedule contains additional information about the records and their disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of the Air Force (N1-AFU-96-7). Medical waste management records at medical treatment facilities and base civil engineer offices.

2. Department of the Air Force (N1-AFU-97-4). Implant device and/or medical equipment log/database proposed for long-term retention.

3. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office (N1-241-96-5). Updated Chapter of a comprehensive schedule, covering records of the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and related program offices.

4. Department of Health and Human Services (N1-468-97-1). Pre-grant clearance files of the Office for Civil Rights.

5. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs (N1-59-97-10). Immigrant Control and Reporting System (ICARS) maintained by Visa Services.

6. Department of State, All Foreign Service Posts (N1-84-97-4). Diversity Visa Applicant System (DVACS).

7. U.S. Agency for International Development, Europe and New Independent States (N1-286-96-3). Routine, facilitative, and duplicative records.

8. Bonneville Power Administration (N1-305-96-2). Records covering billing source data.

9. General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service (N1-137-97-1 through 6). Electronic records relating to sales, transportation, and supplies.

10. Panama Canal Commission (N1-185-96-2). Marine Traffic Control and Ship Data Bank electronic systems.

11. Panama Canal Commission (N1-185-97-1). Communications and mail management records.

12. Susquehanna River Basin Commission (N1-220-96-11). Budget justifications, working papers to reports and comprehensive plans, and subject and intergovernmental affairs files.

13. United States Information Agency, Office of Research N1-306-96-3). Routine, facilitative, and duplicative records of the Office of Research and predecessor units. Policy records scheduled as permanent.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

James W. Moore,

Assistant Archivist for Records Administration.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-331]

IES Utilities, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application For Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of IES Utilities Inc. (the licensee) to withdraw its January 30, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. 50-331 for the Duane Arnold Energy Center, located in Palo, Iowa.

The proposed amendment would have revised the control rod scram insertion time testing requirements in the plant Technical Specifications.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on February 14, 1996 (61 FR 5814). However, by letter dated February 26, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 30, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated February 26, 1996, 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, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, 500 First Street, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions.
Glenn B. Kelly, Sr.,

Project Manager, Project Directorate III-3, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 50-133]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) to withdraw its November 23, 1994, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-7 for the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3, located in Humboldt County, California.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to liquid radioactive effluent limitations.

The Commission has previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on March 1, 1995 (60 FR 11139). However, by letter dated December 9, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 23, 1994, and the licensee's letter dated December 9, 1996, 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, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, California 95501.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Richard F. Dudley, Jr.,

Senior Project Manager, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 50-354]

Public Service Electric & Gas Company and Atlantic City Electric Company (Hope Creek Generating Station); Notice of Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Public Service Electric & Gas and Atlantic City Electric Company, (the licensees) for an amendment to Facility Operating