DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[OMB 1205–0490]

Comment Request for Information Collection: Self-Employment Assistance for Unemployment Insurance Claimants, Extension With Revisions

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) activities, expiring October 31, 2015.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before June 22, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Lidia Fiore, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S–4524, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202–693–3029 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1–877–889–5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: Fiore.Lidia@dol.gov. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR), please contact the person above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Noncitizen Benefit Clarification and Other Technical Amendments Act of 1996 (Public Law 105–306) permanently authorized the SEA program, which is a reemployment program that helps Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants start their own businesses, and Public Law 112–96, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) expanded the SEA program to provide states the opportunity to allow UI claimants receiving Extended Benefits to participate in the SEA program. Currently, a handful of states use this reemployment program, for which a minor amount of information (claimants entering the program, and weeks and amounts of dollars paid) is collected under OMB Control Number 1205–0010. In accordance with statutory requirements and to assist states in establishing, improving, and administering SEA programs (section 2183(a)), the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) uses the ETA 9161 to collect information specific to the SEA program.

Section 2183(b)(1) of the 2012 Act directs the Secretary of Labor to establish reporting requirements for States that have established SEA programs, which shall include reporting on—(A) the total number of individuals who received unemployment compensation and—(i) were referred to a SEA program; (ii) participated in such program; and (iii) received an allowance under such program; (B) the total amount of allowances provided to individuals participating in a SEA program; (C) the total income (as determined by survey or other appropriate method) for businesses that have been established by individuals participating in a SEA program, as well as the total number of individuals employed through such businesses; and (D) any additional information, as determined appropriate by the Secretary. ETA currently uses Form ETA–9161 as an electronic reporting mechanism to collect this required information. In addition to Public Law 112–96, collection of data is used for oversight of the program as authorized under Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act.

Previously such information was collected for participants eligible for Emergency Unemployment Compensation, however that program has expired and authorization for that portion of this data collection is no longer necessary.

II. Review Focus

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

• evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used:

• enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension with revision

Title: Self-Employment Assistance for UI Claimants, ETA 9161.

OMB Number: 1205–0490.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies, SEA participants.

Estimated Total Annual Respondents: 1,607.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,607 respondents × 4 quarterly reports = 6,428 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,456 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: There are no other costs associated with this collection of information.

We will summarize and/or include in the request for OMB approval of the ICR, the comments received in response to this comment request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40–8907; NRC–2013–0036]

License Amendment for United Nuclear Corporation, Church Rock Facility, McKinley County, New Mexico

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering amending Source Materials License SUA–1475 issued to the United Nuclear Corporation (UNC), a subsidiary of
General Electric (GE), to revise current ground water protection standards in License Condition 30.B of SUA–1475. The NRC has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for this proposed action in accordance with its regulations. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The NRC will issue the amended license following the publication of this document.

DATES: The Final EA and FONSI are available as of April 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID: NRC–2013–0036 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS); You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The EA and FONSI can be found under ADAMS accession no. ML14339A839.
- NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On April 17, 2012, UNC, a subsidiary of GE, submitted to the NRC an application to amend Source Materials License SUA–1475 for the former Uranium Church Rock Mill Site (the Mill Site) (ADAMS Accession No. ML12150A146). This proposed amendment would revise current ground water protection standards in License Condition 30.B of SUA–1475 for the following constituents: Arsenic, Cadmium, Gross Alpha, Lead, Lead-210, Nickel, Radium-226 and -228, Selenium, Thorium-230, and Uranium. These proposed standards (values) are derived from a re-calculated background concentration for each constituent. The Mill Site is located approximately 17 miles northeast of Gallup in McKinley County, New Mexico. The UNC supplemented its request on November 16, 2012, by submitting a three-dimensional ground water flow model for the Mill Site and adjacent down-gradient areas (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML12334A292; ML12305A320; ML12305A309; ML12305A324). On January 10, 2013, the NRC accepted the amendment request for formal review (ADAMS Accession No. ML13007A069). The NRC issued a Request for Additional Information (RAI) on June 4, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13121A553), and the UNC responded on January 10, 2014 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML14056A541; ML14059A208). Subsequently, the NRC staff determined that all technical deficiencies had been addressed in the RAIs and requested the UNC to update the ground water flow model report (ADAMS Accession No. ML14063A497). The UNC submitted the revised ground water flow model report by letter dated June 3, 2014 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML14161A255; ML14161A311). In accordance with part 40, appendix A, criterion 5, paragraph 5B(5) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), the NRC may establish ground water protection standards at the point of compliance (POC) either (1) by reference to the background concentrations in the ground water, (2) by assigning the appropriate value found in the table given in paragraph 5C, or (3) by using alternative concentration limits established by the NRC. The POC is defined in appendix A as the site-specific location in the uppermost aquifer where the ground water protection standard must be met. In addition, criterion 5, paragraph 5B(1) states the objective of the POC location is to provide the earliest practicable warning that the impoundment is releasing hazardous constituents, with the goal that hazardous constituents from a licensed site not exceed the specified concentration limits in the uppermost aquifer beyond the POC during the compliance period. At the Mill Site, POC wells are located in three subsurface hydrostratigraphic units: the Southwest Alluvium, and Zone 1 and Zone 3 of the Upper Gallup Sandstone. The UNC’s proposed license amendment would affect ground water protection standards in each of these units. Additionally, paragraph 5B(6) of criterion 5 to 10 CFR part 40, appendix A states that, “[c]onceptually, background concentrations pose no incremental hazards.” The NRC staff has prepared an EA in support of its review of the proposed license amendment. The staff assessed the potential environmental impacts associated with amending the ground water protection standards and documented the results of the assessment in the EA. The NRC staff performed this assessment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51, “Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions.”

II. Environmental Assessment Summary

Description of the Proposed Action

The UNC is requesting a license amendment for the Mill Site to revise License Condition 30.B of Source Materials License SUA–1475. The UNC requests revisions to the current ground water protection standards in the license condition for the following constituents: Arsenic, Cadmium, Gross Alpha, Lead and Lead-210, Nickel,
Radium-226 and -228, Selenium, Thorium-230, and Uranium for the Southwest Alluvium, Zone 1 and Zone 3. No changes are proposed for the other constituents in License Condition 30.B (i.e., Beryllium, Total Trihalomethanes, and Vanadium).

Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to provide ground water protection standards for the Mill Site that are consistent with 10 CFR part 40, appendix A, paragraph 5B(1) and background ground water quality that is protective of public health and safety.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC staff determined that, due to the nature of the proposed action, environmental impacts would be limited to subsurface ground water resources, and that such impacts would be small and not significant. Staff expects no impacts to public health and safety, ecological resources, or historical and cultural resources. Therefore, the NRC staff does not expect significant impacts to result from the proposed modification to the ground water protection standards in SUA–1475 and considers that impacts from the proposed action would be protective of public health and safety and the environment.

In conducting its assessment, the NRC staff considered the following:

- Information in the license application and supporting documentation;
- Information in modeling reports and NRC staff review reports;
- Information in land use and environmental monitoring reports;
- Information from NRC staff site visits and inspections;
- 10 CFR part 40, appendix A, “Criteria Relating to the Operation of Uranium Mills and the Disposition of Tailings or Wastes Produced by the Extraction or Concentration of Source Material From Ores Processed Primarily for Their Source Material Content;”

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the “no-action alternative”). Denial of the proposed license amendment would result in no change in the currently approved ground water protection standards. The proposed action is needed to revise the ground water protection standards to more accurately reflect current background conditions. Both the No-Action alternative and the Proposed Action for the Mill Site are consistent with appendix A, criterion 5, paragraph 5B(1) and background ground water quality that is protective of public health and safety.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC staff determined that the proposed action would be limited to impacts to subsurface ground water resources and therefore is not expected to affect listed endangered and threatened species or their critical habitat. As well, the proposed action is not expected to impact potential or identified cultural or historical resources. Therefore, no further consultation was completed under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act or under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

During preparation of the EA, the NRC staff consulted with the following federal, tribal, and state agencies: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regions 6 and 9, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Navajo Nation EPA, and the New Mexico Environment Department. The purpose of this consultation was to request comments on the proposed action; however, none of the agencies identified concerns with the proposed action.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on its review of the UNC’s license amendment request to revise License Condition 30.B of SUA–1475, the NRC staff expects there to be no significant environmental impacts in connection with the proposed action as the proposed ground water protection standard values, conceptually, pose no incremental hazards to public health and safety. Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 2015.