

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review and approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: NRC Form 445, "Request for Approval of Foreign Travel".
2. Current OMB approval number: None.
3. How often the collection is required: On occasion.
4. Who is required or asked to report: Contractors and consultants who travel to foreign countries in the course of conducting business for the NRC.
5. The number of annual respondents: 30.
6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 30.
7. Abstract: Information forwarded on NRC 445, Request for Approval of Foreign Travel, is supplied by consultants and contractors who travel to foreign countries in the course of conducting business for the NRC. In accordance with 48 CFR 20, "NRC Acquisition Regulation," contractors traveling to foreign countries are required to complete this form. The information requested includes the traveler's identifying information, travel dates, proposed itinerary, purpose of travel, a listing of the trip coordinators, endorsements and recommendations, estimated travel cost, concurrences, and approval by the Office Director, Regional Administrator or Chairman, as appropriate.

Submit, by April 19, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized,

including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-3453-MLA-3, ASLBP No. 99-761-04-MLA]

Atlas Corporation; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and Sections 2.1201 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

Atlas Corporation, Moab, UT

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a petition for leave to intervene submitted by a number of organizations and individuals, collectively identified as the Grand Canyon Trust. The

petitioners are requesting a hearing with respect to NRC's approval of the reclamation plan of the Atlas Corporation for its site near Moab, Utah. Of particular concern to the petitioners is the effect of the plan on the environment surrounding the Atlas site, including ground water and wildlife.

The Presiding Officer designated for this proceeding is Administrative Judge Thomas S. Moore. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR §§ 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Moore and Judge Shon in accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge Thomas S. Moore, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of February 1999.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Acting Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of February 15, 22, March 1, and 8, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of February 15

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 15.

Week of February 22—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 22.

Week of March 1—Tentative

Tuesday, March 2

9:30 a.m.—Meeting with
Commonwealth Edison (Public
Meeting).11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public
Meeting) (If needed).

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m.—Briefing by Executive Branch
(Closed—Ex. 4 & 9b).*Week of March 8—Tentative*

Wednesday, March 10

11:00 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public
Meeting) (If needed).

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill, (301) 415-1661.

Additional Information: By a vote of 5-0 on February 2, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues" (Closed Ex. 9b) be held on February 2, and on less than one week's notice to the public."

By a vote of 5-0 on February 8, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues" (Closed Ex. 9b) be held on February 8, and on less than one week's notice to the public."

By a vote of 5-0 on February 9, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Final Rule—Requirements for Initial Operator Licensing Examinations" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on February 9, and on less than one week's notice to the public."

By a vote of 5-0 on February 11, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of (a) General Public Utilities Nuclear Corporation (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1), Docket No. 50-289, and (b) HYDRO RESOURCES—Intervenors' Petition To Review Presiding Officer's February 4, 1999 Memorandum And Order (Procedural Issues)" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on February 11, and on less than one week's notice to the public."

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like

to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: February 11, 1999.

William M. Hill, Jr.,
SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Filings and
Information Services, Washington, DC
20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-3, SEC File No. 270-026, OMB
Control No. 3235-0033

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17a-3 [17 CFR 240.17a-3] under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires records to be made by certain exchange members, brokers, and dealers, to be used in monitoring compliance with the Commission's financial responsibility program and antifraud and antimanipulation rules as well as other rules and regulations of the Commission and the self-regulatory organizations. It is estimated that approximately 7,769 active broker-dealer respondents registered with the Commission incur an average annual burden of 249 hours per year for an aggregate annual burden of 1,934,481 hours to comply with this rule.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection

of information; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Existing Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Filings and
Information Services, Washington, DC
20549

Extension:

Rule 31a-2 [17 CFR 270.31a-2], SEC File
No. 270-174, OMB Control No. 3235-
0179

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Section 31(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a] ("Investment Company Act" or "Act") requires registered investment companies ("funds") and certain principal underwriters, broker-dealers, investment advisers and depositors of funds to maintain and preserve records as prescribed by Commission rules.¹ Rule 31a-1 specifies the books and records for each of these entities must be maintained.² Rule 31a-2, which the Commission adopted in 1944, specifies the time periods that entities must

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80a-30(a)(1).² 17 CFR 270.31a-1.