NRC Form 398, Personal Qualification Statement - Licensee

Nonsubstantive Change Request

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is submitting this nonsubstantive change request in order to make updates to NRC Form 398, "Personal Qualification Statement – Licensee." This form has been previously cleared under 3150-0090. This form is used to evaluate professional qualifications for an individual applying for, or renewing, an operator license per Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 55, "Operators' licenses." The information provided in the form allows the NRC to evaluate and approve an application and thereby renew an operator's license or permit an applicant to take an initial operator license examination.

The proposed changes would address feedback received from form users and NRC operator licensing assistants, and have been initiated to better align with the recent revision of NUREG--1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors, Rev. 11." The public comment period on NUREG-1021, Rev 11 closed on May 6th, 2017. These changes would improve the usability of the form and the accuracy and consistency of information reported. No change in burden is anticipated as a result of these changes. No significant changes to the amount of additional information being collected have been noted. No new regulatory requirements have been initiated.

The NRC proposes the following changes to NRC Form 398, Personal Qualification Statement - Licensee:

- Added an E-mail address box to allow for additional communication options for required correspondence with licensed operators and license applicants.
- Added Deferral/Excusal/Waiver check boxes to better align with the process and terminology used in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors, Rev. 11."
- Added 10 CFR Part 52 Facility Docket check boxes to support license applications for those facilities licensed under 10 CFR 52.
- Added an Electronic Correspondence Option certification check box to support current effort to develop an electronic correspondence option for initial operator license applications.