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OMB has approved the information collection requirements contained in this part under control number 3150-0146.

(b) The approved information collection requirements contained in this part appear in §§ 26.20, 26.21, 26.22, 26.23, 26.24, 26.27, 26.29, 26.70, 26.71, 26.73, 26.80 and appendix A.

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

§ 26.10 General performance objectives.

Fitness-for-duty programs must:

(a) Provide reasonable assurance that nuclear power plant personnel, transporter personnel, and personnel of licensees authorized to possess or use formula quantities of SSNM, will perform their tasks in a reliable and trustworthy manner and are not under the influence of any substance, legal or illegal, or mentally or physically impaired from any cause, which in any way adversely affects their ability to safely and competently perform their duties;

(b) Provide reasonable measures for the early detection of persons who are not fit to perform activities within the scope of this part; and

(c) Have a goal of achieving a drug-free workplace and a workplace free of the effects of such substances.

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PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND PROCEDURES

§ 26.20 Written policy and procedures.

Each licensee subject to this part shall establish and implement written policies and procedures designed to meet the general performance objectives and specific requirements of this part. Each licensee shall retain a copy of the current written policy and procedures as a record until the Commission terminates each license for which the policy and procedures were developed and, if any portion of the policies and procedures are superseded, retain the superseded material for three years after each change. As a minimum, written policies and procedures must address fitness for duty through the following:

(a) An overall description of licensee policy on fitness for duty. The policy must address use of illegal drugs and abuse of legal drugs (e.g., alcohol, prescription and over-the-counter drugs). Written policy documents must be in sufficient detail to provide affected individuals with information on what is expected of them, and what consequences may result from lack of adherence to the policy. As a minimum, the written policy must prohibit the consumption of alcohol—

(1) Within an abstinence period of at least 5 hours preceding any scheduled working tour, and

(2) During the period of any working tour.

Licensee policy should also address other factors that could affect fitness for duty such as mental stress, fatigue and illness.

(b) A description of programs which are available to personnel desiring assistance in dealing with drug, alcohol, or other problems that could adversely affect the performance of activities within the scope of this part.

(c) Procedures to be utilized in testing for drugs and alcohol, including procedures for protecting the employee and the integrity of the specimen, and the quality controls used to ensure the test results are valid and attributable to the correct individual.

(d) A description of immediate and follow-on actions which will be taken, and the procedures to be utilized, in those cases where employees, vendors, or contractors assigned to duties within the scope of this part are determined to have been involved in the use, sale, or possession of illegal drugs; or to have consumed alcohol during the mandatory pre-work abstinence period, while on duty, or to excess prior to reporting to duty as demonstrated with a test that can be used to determine blood alcohol concentration.

(e) A procedure that will ensure that persons called in to perform an unscheduled working tour are fit to perform the task assigned. As a minimum, this procedure must—

(1) Require a statement to be made by a called-in person as to whether he or she has consumed alcohol within the length of time stated in the pre-duty abstinence policy;

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(2) If alcohol has been consumed within this period, require a determination of fitness for duty by breath analysis or other means; and

(3) Require the establishment of controls and conditions under which a person who has been called-in can perform work, if necessary, although alcohol has been consumed. Consumption of alcohol during the abstinence period shall not by itself preclude a licensee from using individuals needed to respond to an emergency.

(f) The Commission may at any time review the licensee's written policy and procedures to assure that they meet the performance objectives of this part.

§ 26.21 Policy communications and awareness training.

(a) Persons assigned to activities within the scope of this part shall be provided with appropriate training to ensure they understand—

(1) Licensee policy and procedures, including the methods that will be used to implement the policy;

(2) The personal and public health and safety hazards associated with abuse of drugs and misuse of alcohol;

(3) The effect of prescription and over-the-counter drugs and dietary conditions on job performance and on chemical test results, and the role of the Medical Review Officer;

(4) Employee assistance programs provided by the licensee; and

(5) What is expected of them and what consequences may result from lack of adherence to the policy,

(b) Initial training must be completed prior to assignment to activities within the scope of this part. Refresher training must be completed on a nominal 12 month frequency or more frequently where the need is indicated. A record of the training must be retained for a period of at least three years.

§ 26.22 Training of supervisors and escorts.

(a) Managers and supervisors of activities within the scope of this part must be provided appropriate training to ensure they understand—

(1) Their role and responsibilities in implementing the program;

(2) The roles and responsibilities of others, such as the personnel, medical,

and employee assistance program staffs;

(3) Techniques for recognizing drugs and indications of the use, sale, or possession of drugs;

(4) Behavioral observation techniques for detecting degradation in performance, impairment, or changes in employee behavior; and

(5) Procedures for initiating appropriate corrective action, to include referral to the employee assistance program.

(b) Persons assigned to escort duties shall be provided appropriate training in techniques for recognizing drugs and indications of the use, sale, or possession of drugs, techniques for recognizing aberrant behavior, and the procedures for reporting problems to supervisory or security personnel.

(c) Initial training must be completed prior to assignment of duties within the scope of this part and within 3 months after initial supervisory assignment, as applicable. Refresher training must be completed on a nominal 12 month frequency, or more frequently where the need is indicated. A record of the training must be retained for a period of at least three years.

§ 26.23 Contractors and vendors.

(a) All contractor and vendor personnel performing activities within the scope of this part for a licensee must be subject to either the licensee's program relating to fitness for duty, or to a program, formally reviewed and approved by the licensee, which meets the requirements of this part. Written agreements between licensees and contractors or vendors for activities within the scope of this part must be retained for the life of the contract and will clearly show that—

(1) The contractor or vendor is responsible to the licensee for adhering to the licensee's fitness-for-duty policy, or maintaining and adhering to an effective fitness-for-duty program; which meets the standards of this part; and

(2) Personnel having been denied access or removed from activities within the scope of this part at any nuclear power plant for violations of a fitness-for-duty policy will not be assigned to work within the scope of this part