The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at https://www.regulations.gov/ and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

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II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a proposed collection of information to OMB for review entitled, “Collection of Research Code Non-Disclosure Agreement Information.” The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on April 16, 2019, 84 FR 15640.

2. OMB approval number: An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.
3. Type of submission: New.
4. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.
5. How often the collection is required or requested: As needed.
6. Who will be required or asked to respond: Domestic and foreign users of the NRC’s nuclear safety analytical computer codes.
7. The estimated number of annual responses: 640.
8. The estimated number of annual respondents: 640.
9. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request: 640 hours.
10. Abstract: This information collection request is an NDA used for domestic and foreign entities to obtain and use the NRC’s nuclear safety analytical computer codes. NRC develops and uses computer codes to independently model and evaluate safety issues associated with the licensed use of radioactive materials. As a global leader in nuclear regulatory research and safety assessment, NRC is frequently approached by domestic and international organizations requesting copies of NRC computer codes. In general, to obtain an NRC code an individual or organization first agrees to not redistribute the code (i.e., non-disclosure) through an NDA. The NDA also imposes terms and conditions for code use, and requires notification to NRC of code errors, code modifications, and updated user information. An officially signed and executed NDA of users agreeing to the terms and conditions is current NRC practice for access to NRC-developed computer codes. Once the NDA has been signed, received, reviewed, and accepted, the requesting individual or organization is given access to the requested code. The information collection enables the NRC to ensure that proper procedures and agreements are in place to guide the distribution and use of these codes.

According to NRC and U.S. Government policies and international agreements such as import-export restrictions and intellectual property rights. Further information collection on code errors and modifications by code users permits NRC to maintain control and quality of its codes in a timely and efficient manner.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of July 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David C. Cullison,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL
[Previous Control No. 3255–0003]

Modification of OSC Annual Survey

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) seeks approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of a 2019 survey that differs slightly in process and timing from a previously approved information collection, OSC’s annual survey. The prior OMB approval for the annual survey expired November 30, 2016. As required by statute, since 1994 OSC has conducted an annual survey collecting feedback from those who have filed complaints/disclosures with OSC. The prior surveys required 12 minutes to complete. The proposed OSC 2019 survey consists of a single electronic questionnaire with eleven questions that requires 5.5 minutes to complete. The prior annual survey could only be sent after OSC closed the individual’s complaint or disclosure file. The timing deprived OSC of useful feedback about how individuals perceive OSC as they are in the process of working or engaging with OSC. Congress authorized this 2019 survey (and suspended the previously approved annual survey), so OSC could collect feedback from individuals who file complaints or disclosures with OSC while their cases or queries are open. See the OSC Reauthorization Act of 2017, Public Law 115, Sec. 1097. OSC is requesting emergency approval for the proposed 2019 survey, which by statute must be completed by the end of FY2019.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 29, 2019. However, pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, OSC is requesting OMB’s emergency
The OSC Reauthorization Act of 2017, Public Law 115–91, Sec. 1097, required OSC to conduct an annual survey of individuals who seek its assistance. Under Section 13 of Public Law 103–424 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, OSC distributed prior annual surveys after the conclusion of cases. OSC sent four separate questionnaires to four categories of complainants and whistleblowers, asking (1) whether the respondent was fully apprised of their rights; (2) if their claim was successful at OSC or at the MSPB; and (3) successful or not, if they were satisfied with the service received from OSC. OSC reported the results in its annual report.

The OSC Reauthorization Act of 2017, Public Law 115–91, Sec. 1097, required OSC to suspend its existing survey because it collects information. OSC is requesting emergency approval of this modified collection of information, as the 2019 survey must be completed and reviewed by the end of FY2019. As with the prior approved survey, the 2019 survey will be hosted by Survey Monkey (https://www.surveymonkey.com). The 2019 survey questionnaires are available for review online at https://osc.gov/Pages/Resources-ReportsAndInfo.aspx or by calling OSC at (202) 804–7000. The prior OSC Annual Survey, OMB Control Number 3255–0003, expired on November 30, 2016. OSC is requesting emergency approval of this modified collection of information, as the 2019 survey must be completed and reviewed by the end of FY2019. As with the prior approved survey, the 2019 survey will be hosted by Survey Monkey (https://www.surveymonkey.com). The 2019 survey questionnaires are available for review online at https://osc.gov/Pages/Resources-ReportsAndInfo.aspx or by calling OSC at (202) 804–7000.

Type of Information Collection Request: Approval of a re-designed survey collecting information aimed at enabling OSC to improve service at various stages of its review or investigation and thereby better accomplish OSC’s mission.

Affected Public: Employees of the United States government; former federal employees, including those whose employment terminated for reasons unrelated to misconduct; former applicants for employment in the competitive service; and the general public.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of Survey Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Survey Form Use: One-time.

Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond to Survey: 5.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Survey Burden: 45.8 hours.

Dated: July 25, 2019.

Bruce Gipe,
Chief Operating Officer.

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