

of records not previously authorized for disposal, or reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

**DATES:** Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before March 9, 1998. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. The requester will be given 30 days to submit comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Address requests for single copies of schedules identified in this notice to the Civilian Appraisal Staff (NWRC), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001. Requesters must cite the control number assigned to each schedule when requesting a copy. The control number appears in the parentheses immediately after the name of the requesting agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Miller, Director, Records Management Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001, telephone (301) 713-7110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year U.S. Government agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. In order to control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare records schedules specifying when the agency no longer needs the records and what happens to the records after this period. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. These comprehensive schedules provide for the eventual transfer to the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records, and many are updates of previously approved schedules. Such schedules also may include records that are designated for permanent retention.

Destruction of records requires the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted after a thorough study of the records that takes into account their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and historical or other value.

This public notice identifies the Federal agencies and their subdivisions requesting disposition authority, includes the control number assigned to each schedule, and briefly describes the

records proposed for disposal. The records schedule contains additional information about the records and their disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

#### Schedules Pending

1. General Accounting Office (N1-411-97-1). Updated comprehensive records schedule.
2. Department of Justice (N1-060-98-1). Facilitative records and training material accumulated by the International Criminal Investigation Training Program.
3. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (N1-436-97-2). Special Occupational Tax System and Federal Excise Tax System.
4. Environmental Protection Agency (N1-412-97-2). Waste Isolation Pilot Plants certification records (official docket copy will be preserved).
5. Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission (N1-470-98-1). Working files of case-related records of the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Administrative Law Judges, and law clerk of the Chief Judge.
6. U.S. Office of Government Ethics (N1-522-98-2). Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy trust files.
7. Panama Canal Commission (N1-185-98-2). Expenditure accounting records.

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Alan T. Waterman Award Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Alan T. Waterman Award Committee (#1172).

*Date and Time:* Monday, February 9, 1998; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Place:* Room 370, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Executive Secretary, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1096.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations in the selection of the Alan T. Waterman Award recipient.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 20, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

*Date and Time:* February 11-12, 1998; 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 390, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* H. Frederick Bowman, Program Director, Biomedical Engineering and Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSE for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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