

Challenge Grants at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

2. *Date:* June 28, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for College and Universities I, submitted to the Office of Challenge Grants at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

**Nancy E. Weiss,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Privacy Act of 1974: Revisions to System of Records: Revised Systems

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the National Science Foundation (NSF) is providing notice of revisions to two existing systems and the planned creation of one new system. The revisions to current systems NSF-52 "Office of Inspector General—Investigative Files" and NSF-59 "Science and Technology Centers (STC) Database" are being made to more accurately reflect the current system records and use. The new system, NSF-71 "General Correspondence Files," covers general correspondence with individuals that is filed alphabetically rather than chronologically.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Sections 552a(e)(4) and (11) of Title 5 of the U.S. Code require that the public have thirty days to comment on the routine uses of systems of records. The new routine uses that are the subject of this notice will take effect on July 2, 1999, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public.

**COMMENTS:** Written comments should be submitted to Leslie Crawford, NSF Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Office of the General Counsel, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, VA 22230.

Dated: May 27, 1999.

**Leslie Crawford,**

*Privacy Act Officer.*

#### NSF-52

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Office of Inspector General—Investigative Files.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Inspector General, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

In connection with its investigative duties, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) maintains records on the following categories of individuals: (a) Individuals or entities who are or have been the subject of inquiries or investigations conducted by OIG, including current and former employees of NSF; and current and former contractors (or applicants for contracts), subcontractors, consultants, or the recipients of (or applicants for) NSF grants or cooperative agreements, and their current or former employees, students, or collaborators; and (b) Individuals who are witnesses; complainants; confidential or nonconfidential informants; and parties who have been identified by OIG (on the basis of information received or developed by OIG) as potentially possessing information relevant to an investigation under the jurisdiction by the OIG.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Information relating to investigations including: (a) Letters, memoranda, and other documents citing complaints or alleged criminal, civil, or administrative misconduct; (b) Investigative files, which include: reports of investigations to resolve allegations of misconduct or violations of law or administrative or ethical requirements; exhibits, statements, affidavits, or other records obtained or generated during investigations; prior criminal or noncriminal records of individuals as they relate to the investigations; reports from or to other law enforcement bodies; information obtained from informants and identifying data with respect to such informants; nature of allegations made against suspects and identifying data concerning such subjects; and public source materials.

##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Inspector General Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. app.

##### PURPOSE(S):

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the National Science Foundation (NSF) maintains this system of records in order to conduct its responsibilities pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. section 4. The OIG is statutorily directed and authorized to conduct and supervise investigations relating to programs and operations of NSF, to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of such programs and operations, and to prevent and detect

fraud, waste and abuse in such programs and operations. Accordingly, the records are used in investigations of individuals and entities suspected of having committed illegal or unethical acts, and in any resulting criminal prosecutions, civil proceedings, or administrative actions.

##### ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

These records may be disclosed as follows:

1. In the event that records indicate a violation or potential violation of a requirement, whether criminal, civil, regulatory, administrative, contractual, or ethical in nature, whether arising by statute, regulation, rule, order, contract (including a grant or cooperative agreement), or ethical practices or norms, the relevant records in the system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the appropriate entity, whether governmental (federal, foreign, state, local, or international) or non-governmental, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or potential violation, or charged with enforcing, implementing, or complying with such statute, regulation, rule, order, contract, or ethical practices or norms.

2. Disclosure may be made to appropriate entities, whether governmental (federal, foreign, state, local or international) or non-governmental, or to an individual, when necessary to elicit information that will assist an investigation or audit.

3. Disclosure may be made to a federal, state, local, foreign, or international entity maintaining civil, criminal, or other relevant information if necessary to obtain information relevant to an OIG decision concerning the assignment, hiring, or retention of an individual and/or employee or disciplinary or other administrative action concerning an employee, the issuance or revocation of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an individual and/or employee, or the award of a contract (including a grant or cooperative agreement).

4. Disclosure may be made to a federal, state, local, foreign, or international entity in response to its request in connection with the assignment, hiring, or retention of an individual and/or employee, or disciplinary or other administrative action concerning an employee, the issuance or revocation of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an individual and/or employee, or the award of a contract

(including a grant or cooperative agreement) or other benefit by the requesting agency to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.

5. Disclosure may be made to the Office of Personnel Management or the Merit Systems Protection Board (including the Office of the Special Counsel) of information relevant and necessary to carrying out their functions.

6. In the event OIG is aware of information about possible misconduct in science and engineering, disclosure of relevant records may be made by OIG to institutions or entities that have proposed or received contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements so that they can conduct inquiries and investigations into possible misconduct in science and engineering pursuant to 45 CFR part 689.

7. Disclosure may also be made to independent auditors, contractors, experts, and other individuals who perform a service to or work on or under a contract, or other arrangement with or for the federal government, as necessary to carry out their duties. Such contractors will be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.

8. Disclosure may be made to another federal agency, a court, or a party in litigation before a court or in an administrative proceeding being conducted by a federal agency when the government is a party to the judicial or administrative proceeding.

9. In the event the OIG deems it desirable or necessary, in processing a Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act request, disclosure may be made to the Department of Justice or the Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of obtaining its advice.

10. Disclosure may be made to the Department of Justice, to the extent it is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected, and is relevant and necessary to litigation or anticipated litigation, in which one of the following is a party or has an interest: (a) NSF or any of its components; (b) an NSF employee in his or her official capacity; (c) an NSF employee in his or her official capacity when the Department of Justice is representing or considering representing the employee; or (d) the United States, when NSF determines that litigation is likely to affect NSF.

11. Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.

12. Disclosure may be made to representatives of the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration who are conducting record management inspections under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

The OIG Investigative Files consist of automated data and paper records. The paper records are stored in file cabinets and the automated data are maintained in computers in OIG.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

The records are retrieved by the name of the subject of the investigation or by a unique control number assigned to each investigation.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

These records are kept in OIG offices within limited access areas of the National Science Foundation during duty hours, and in locked offices at all other times. Passwords are required to access the automated data.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

The Investigative Files are kept indefinitely pending adoption of an NSF-specific approved records retention schedule.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

The Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR part 613.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

The major part of this system is exempted from this requirement pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) or (k)(2). To the extent that this system of records is not subject to exemption, it is subject to access. A determination as to exemption shall be made at the time a request for access is received. Access requests must be sent to the Privacy Act Officer in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR part 613.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The major part of this system is exempted from this requirement pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) or (k)(2). To the extent that this system of records is not subject to exemption, it is subject to access and contest. A determination as to exemption shall be made at the

time a request for contest is received. Requests must be sent to the Privacy Act Officer in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR part 613.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

The subjects of investigations; individuals with whom the subjects of investigations are associated; current and former NSF employees; federal, state, local, and foreign law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies; private citizens; witnesses; confidential and nonconfidential informants; and public source materials.

**SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

This system is exempted from 5 U.S.C. 552a except subsections (b); (c)(1) and (2); (e)(4)(A) through (F); (e) (6), (7), (9), (10), and (11); and (i) under 552a(j)(2) to the extent the system of records pertains to enforcement of criminal laws; and is exempted from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) to the extent the system of records consists of investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of the exemption at 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2). These exemptions are contained in 45 CFR 613.

**NSF-59**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Science and Technology Centers (STC) Database.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Individuals participating in NSF funded Science and Technology Center (STC) Activities.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Records vary by year. From FY90 until FY98, the records may include name, institution, social security number, gender, ethnicity, year of highest degree, citizenship, areas of research, type of financial support and other related information. These STC databases may also include the results of follow-up surveys of STC Center participants. The records will be used to help evaluate the STC Center's achievement of program goals. Evaluation may include follow-up surveys of STC Center participants. The results of evaluations will be statistical and will not identify individual participants.

Beginning with FY98, covered records include only faculty names associated with type of financial support. Other program records from FY98 forward are not part of this system of records because they include no individual names or identifiers. These records report only the number of STC participants by STC Center categorized as faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, undergraduate students, visiting scientists, support staff (scientific, technical, and administrative), and precollege students and teachers. These records include data on gender, disability status, citizenship, ethnicity/race, areas of research, shared experimental facilities, type of financial support, and other related information. Because these data are collected without individual name or other identifier, it cannot be so retrieved and are not part of this system.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

42 U.S.C. 3101; 42 U.S.C. 1870.

**PURPOSE(S):**

Information from this system may be used to enable NSF to identify research areas under STC Center awards and determine the level of support for STC Center personnel and STC Center research; to help evaluate the STC Center's achievement of program goals, such as enhancement of skills; to report periodically, in statistical form only, on the participation of men and women by ethnicity, disability, discipline, and citizenry; and to enable NSF to monitor the effectiveness of NSF-sponsored STC Centers for management evaluation and for reporting to the Administration and Congress, especially under the Government Performance and Results Act, 5 U.S.C. 306 and 39 U.S.C. 2801-2805.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

1. An STC Center and its authorized personnel may have access to data submitted by that Center for the purpose of administration and for other uses consistent with the purpose above.
2. Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.
3. Information from the system may be disclosed to contractors, grantees, volunteers, experts, advisors, and other individuals who perform a service to or work on or under a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, advisory committee, committee of visitors, or other arrangement with or for the

Federal government, as necessary to carry out their duties in pursuit of the purposes described above. The contractors are subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act.

4. Information from the system may be merged with other computer files in order to carry out statistical studies or assist with program management, evaluation, and reporting. Disclosure may be made for this purpose to NSF contractors and collaborating researchers, other Government agencies, and qualified research institutions and their staffs. The results of such studies, evaluations, or reports are statistical in nature and do not identify individuals.

5. Information from the system may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or the Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of obtaining advice on the application of the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act to the records.

6. Information from the system may be given to another Federal agency, a court, or a party in litigation before a court or in an administrative proceeding being conducted by a Federal agency when the Government is a party to the judicial or administrative proceeding.

7. Information from the system may be given to the Department of Justice, to the extent disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected and is relevant and necessary to litigation or anticipated litigation, in which one of the following is a party or has an interest: (a) NSF or any of its components; (b) an NSF employee in his/her official capacity; (c) an NSF employee in his/her individual capacity when the Department of Justice is representing or considering representing the employee; or (d) the United States, when NSF determines that litigation is likely to affect the Agency.

8. Records from this system may be disclosed to representatives of the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration who are conducting records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:****STORAGE:**

Some of the records are stored electronically and some are stored in paper format in file folders.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

By the STC Center and then alphabetically by individual.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Building is locked during non-business hours. Records at NSF are kept in rooms that are locked during non-business hours. Records maintained in electronic form are password protected.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

The file for each STC Center is cumulative and maintained indefinitely pending adoption of an approved records retention schedule.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

The NSF Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures set forth at 45 CFR part 613.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification Procedure" above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification Procedure" above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Science and Technology Centers.

**SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

**NSF-71****SYSTEM NAME:**

General Correspondence Files.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Correspondence files maintained by name, rather than chronologically, in some NSF offices or divisions at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Most NSF general correspondence is filed chronologically. This system covers only individuals who write to the NSF or its officers or employees, or individuals whose letter has been referred to NSF by other parts of the Federal government when such general correspondence is filed by name of the sender rather than chronologically.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

The system includes the original correspondence received as well as any response, referral letters concerning the correspondence and copies of any enclosures.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

These records are kept for administrative convenience pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3101.

**PURPOSE(S):**

These records are kept for administrative convenience to document responses to general correspondence.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

- Information from the system may be provided to a referrer of the original correspondence.
- Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.
- Information from the system may be disclosed to contractors, volunteers, advisors, and other individuals who perform a service to or work on or under a contract, or other arrangement with or for the Federal government, as necessary to carry out their duties. The contractors are subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act.
- Information from the system may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or the Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of obtaining advice on the application of the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act to the records.
- Information from the system may be given to another Federal agency, a court, or a party in litigation before a court or in an administrative proceeding being conducted by a Federal agency when the Government is a party to the judicial or administrative proceeding.
- Information from the system may be given to the Department of Justice, to the extent disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected and is relevant and necessary to litigation or anticipated litigation, in which one of the following is a party or has an interest: (a) NSF or any of its components; (b) an NSF employee in his/her official capacity; (c) an NSF employee in his/her individual capacity when the Department of Justice is representing or considering representing the employee; or (d) the United States, when NSF determines that litigation is likely to affect the Agency.
- Records from this system may be disclosed to representatives of the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration who are conducting records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:****STORAGE:**

The material is stored in file folders within file cabinets in individual Offices or Divisions of NSF.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

The system covers correspondence maintained within individual Offices or Divisions that is arranged alphabetically by name of original correspondent.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Correspondence is maintained in rooms occupied by office personnel during the work day and locked during non-business hours.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records are maintained and disposed of in accordance with approved record retention plans, and are maintained for a minimum of three months.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director of Division or Office maintaining such records, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

The NSF Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures set forth at 45 CFR part 613.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification Procedure" above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification Procedure" above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Letters received from the original correspondent along with any referral letters, and the NSF office which wrote the response, along with any transmitted information or enclosures.

**SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Notice**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of May 31, June 7, June 14, and 21, 1999.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:***Weeks of May 31*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 31.

*Week of June 7—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of June 7.

*Week of June 14—Tentative*

Monday, June 14

2:00 p.m. Briefing on 10 CFR Part 70—Proposed Rule for Revised Requirements for Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material (Public Meeting) (Contact: Ted Sherr, 301-415-7218)

Tuesday, June 15

10:30 a.m. All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting) ("The Green" Plaza Area)

1:30 p.m. All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting) ("The Green" Plaza Area)

Wednesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Proposed Export of High Enriched Uranium to Canada (Public Meeting) (Contact: Ron Hauber, 301-415-2344)

Thursday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Status of Uranium Recovery (Public Meeting) (Contact: King Stablein, 301-415-7238)

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

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed-Ex. 2 and 6)

Friday, June 18

9:30 a.m. Briefing on NRC International Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Karen Henderson 301-415-1771)

*Week of June 21—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of June 21.

\*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.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 5-0 on May 27, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of (a) Final Rule: Amendments to 10 CFR Part 70—Miscellaneous Changes to Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste and (b) Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI)—ENDAUM's & SRIC's Petition for Interlocutory Review of Presiding Officer's Order Seeking Additional Information (April 21, 1999) & ENDAUM's & SRIC's Motion for