

has no systematic evidence regarding the frequency of such events among awards made in 1989 and 1990, some of which were from unsolicited proposals and others were from proposals in three special initiative areas; Strategic Manufacturing, Technology Management, and Industrial Internships. Furthermore, nothing is known about the process by which any outcomes may have occurred. A pilot study of DMII research program awards from 1986 using the same instruments was conducted several years ago. To assist DMII in reporting accurately about the results from more recent awards, especially those made in three initiative areas—Technology Management, Strategic Manufacturing, and Industrial Internships—and managing its present research programs, the Division would like to reinstate without change data collection 3145-0167.

Some 250 Principal Investigators (PIs) and co-Principal Investigators (co-PIs) who were recipients of DMII research program awards in FY 1989-90 will be asked to provide via e-mail:

- (1) A brief one-page narrative regarding the outcomes and impacts of the project;
- (2) Citations to 3 to 5 key journal articles, books or patents that resulted from the project, or in which the project played an important role;
- (3) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of between 3 and 5 other individuals who are familiar with the work carried out under the project, and who could provide additional insights as to its outcomes and impacts; and

With regard to the narrative materials, the following information will be requested:

- (A) Complete project title.
  - (B) Key project participants and their institutional affiliations.
  - (C) Time frame during which project was conducted.
  - (D) Principal outputs or results of the project.
  - (E) Longer Term outcome and follow-on impacts of the project.
  - (F) The researcher's best assessment of the impact of this NSF-funded research on the current (1999) state of design and manufacturing technology relevant to the award, including any known commercial implementations.
  - (G) Any other observations that the researcher wishes to make (e.g., regarding the promotion of a significant discovery, creation of a significant research capability, promotion of new knowledge flowing to society).
- The narratives, citations, and names of others knowledgeable about the

project may be submitted using the Internet or regular mail.

Technical experts will review and assess the narratives submitted by the awardees, then select a total of examples of awards with outstanding results and awards with limited results. A total of 30 brief case studies will be prepared by the contractor—15 about awards with outstanding results and 15 about awards with limited results—in order to understand better what occurred and factors contributing to or limiting impacts.

DMII has contracted with Abt Associates Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to conduct the study and prepare reports following the methodology they used in the pilot project.

*Use of Information:* The information collected will be used to assist DMII in the evaluation of these programs, and in considering various program priorities and selection procedures for future projects in this area. NSF also will use the results to satisfy requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

*Confidentiality:* No sensitive information is being requested in the collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Completing the instrument will average 120 minutes. In addition, the Foundation anticipates conducting 30 case studies that will require three hours of interview time per case study. The total response burden is estimated at 540 hours, based on the following:

Survey: 250 PIs and co-PIs × 90% completion rate = 225 respondents × 120 minutes = 450 hours.

Case Studies: 30 PIs × 100% completion rate = 30 respondents × 180 minutes = 90 hours.

Total respondent burden hours: 540.

*Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 225

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on*

*Respondents:* 540 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Once.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 7, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on November 10, 1999 to the following applicants:

Bruce R. Mate—Permit No. 2000-015

Philip R. Kyle—Permit No. 2000-016

Bess B. Ward—Permit No. 2000-017

Brenda Hall—Permit No. 2000-018

Donal T. Manahan—Permit No. 2000-019

Gerald L. Kooyman—Permit No. 2000-020

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

### Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Co.; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to 10 CFR Part 50 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-28, issued to Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, (the licensee), for operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee), located in Windham County, Vermont.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed amendment would correct two textual errors and change the designation of a referenced figure.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated October 21, 1999.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to correct administrative errors in the Technical Specifications (TSs).