

meeting and, except for the contact information, does not constitute any significant change in the specifics of the meeting as originally published in the July 12, 2000, notice (65 FR 43039).

Dated: September 8, 2000.

**Robert H. Mattlin,**  
*Executive Director.*

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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Merit Systems Protection Board's request for a three year extension of approval of its optional appeal form, Optional Form 283 (Rev. 10/94) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review and comment. The appeal form is currently displayed in 5 CFR part 1201, appendix I, and on the MSPB Web Page at <http://www.mspb.gov/foia/applform.pdf>.

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to one hour per response, with an average of 30 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN**

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201 and 1209 .....	9,000	1	9,000	.5	4,500

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address shown below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3124-0009 in any correspondence.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before (insert date 30 days from publication).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the appeal form may be obtained from the MSPB Web site at <http://www.mspb.gov/foia/applform.pdf>, any MSPB regional or field office, or from the Office of the Clerk, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419, by calling (202) 653-7200. Comments concerning the paperwork burden should also be addressed to Mr. Arlin Winefordner, Office of the Clerk, and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for MSPB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 12, 2000.

**Robert E. Taylor,**  
*Clerk of the Board.*

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 00-107]

**Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing.

**DATES:** Dates published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kusmiss, Patent Counsel, NASA Management Office-JPL, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Mail Stop 180-801, Pasadena, CA 91109; Tel. (818) 354-7770.

NASA Case No. NPO 19289-1: On-Chip Learning in VLSI Environment;

NASA Case No. NPO-20403-1: Inrush Current Control Circuit;

NASA Case No. DRC 099-006: Algorithm and Test Technique for a Frequency Excitation Using an Optimized Multiple Frequency Sweep Waveform (Sweepstack).

Dated: September 6, 2000.

**Edward A. Frankle,**  
*General Counsel.*

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**NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

The National Credit Union Administration Board determined that its business required the deletion of the following two items from the previously announced closed meeting (**Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 173, page 54078, Wednesday, September 6, 2000) scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2000.

1. Administrative Action under Section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

The Board voted two-to-one, Board Member Wheat voting no, that agency business required that this item be deleted from the closed agenda and that no earlier announcement of this change was possible.

3. Field of Membership Appeal. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8) and (9)(A)(ii).

The Board voted unanimously that agency business required that this item be deleted from the closed agenda and that no earlier announcement of this change was possible.

The previously announced closed items were:

1. Administrative Action under Section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

2. Two (2) Administrative Actions under Part 704 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).

3. Field of Membership Appeal. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8) and (9)(A)(ii).

4. Three (3) Personnel Matters. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

**Becky Baker,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by November 13, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or for a copy of the collection instrument and instructions contact Ms. Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, via surface mail: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; e-mail splimpto@nsf.gov; or FAX (703) 292-9188. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* 1999 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-0020.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* April 30, 2001.

### Abstract

The Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) has been conducted biennially since 1973. For the 2001 cycle, a sample of individuals under the age of 76 who

have earned doctoral degrees in science and engineering from U.S. institutions will be surveyed. The purpose of the study is to provide national estimates describing the relationship between education and employment for Ph.D. recipients in science and engineering. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “\* \* \* provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The Survey of Doctorate Recipients is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of doctorate level scientists and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT labor force data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population. The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, is expected to be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

Questionnaires will be mailed in April 2001 and nonrespondents to the mail questionnaire will be contacted by computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

### Expected Respondents

We will mail the survey to a statistical sample of approximately 40,000 U.S. doctorates.

### Burden on the Public

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25

minutes to complete the survey. We estimate that the total annual burden will be 16,666 hours during the year.

*Special Areas for Review:* NSF requests special review and comments in the following areas:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Dated: September 6, 2000.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*NSF Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-412]

### Pennsylvania Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the Toledo Edison Company, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 2; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-73 issued to FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) for operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 2, located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would revise certain 18-month surveillance requirements in the technical specifications by eliminating the condition that testing be conducted during shutdown, or during cold shutdown or refueling mode. The systems that would be affected are the emergency core cooling system (ECCS), containment depressurization and cooling system, chemical addition system, and containment isolation valve system. The proposed amendment would not change the current type and frequency of the 18-month surveillances for these systems.