

backgrounds, regardless of the nature or significance of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Those needing sign language interpreters or other disability accommodations should notify NCD at least one week prior to this meeting.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATION: In accordance with Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, those people with disabilities who are limited English proficient and seek translation services for this meeting should notify NCD at least one week prior to these meetings.

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY/ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS: People with multiple chemical sensitivity/environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances to attend this meeting. To reduce such exposure, NCD requests that attendees not wear perfumes or scented products at this meeting. Smoking is prohibited in meeting rooms and surrounding areas.

OPEN MEETING: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act and NCD's bylaws, this quarterly meeting will be open to the public for observation, except where NCD determines that a meeting or portion thereof should be closed in accordance with NCD's regulations pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act. A majority of NCD members present shall determine when a meeting or portion thereof is closed to the public, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act. At meetings open to the public, NCD may determine when non-members may participate in its discussions. Observers are not expected to participate in NCD meetings unless requested to do so by an NCD member and recognized by the NCD chairperson.

QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA: Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director, Committee Meetings and Committee Reports, Executive Session (closed), Unfinished Business, New Business, Announcements, Adjournment.

Records will be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and will be available after the quarterly meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC on January 23, 2002.

Ethel D. Briggs,
Executive Director.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: The Evaluation of NSF's Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12) Program
OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

1. **Abstract:** This document has been prepared to support the clearance of data collection instruments to be used in the evaluation of the Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education (GK-12). GK-12 is a fellowship that offers graduate students and advanced undergraduates the opportunity to serve as resources for K-12 teachers of science and mathematics. The study design focuses on GK-12 projects funded during the period 1999-2002 and involves two types of studies. One consists of case studies of three cohorts of GK-12 projects. The second is a survey of all GK-12 projects funded in this time period. This OMB submission seeks clearance for data collection instruments for both studies.

2. **Expected Respondents:** The expected respondents are GK-12 Fellows, Cooperating Teachers in the school districts where the Fellows are placed, Principal Investigators, and other educators associated directly with the GK-12 Program.

3. **Burden on the Public:** The total estimate for this collection is 1,823 burden hours for a maximum of 3,645 participants assuming an 80-100% response rate. The average annual reporting burden is 2 hours per respondent. The burden on the public is negligible; the study is limited to project participants that have received funding from the NSF GK-12 program.

Dated: January 22, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-02384, License No. SMB-00602 EA-99-290]

In the Matter of Earthline Technologies (Previously RMI Environmental Services), Ashtabula, OH; Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty

I

Earthline Technologies (previously RMI Environmental Services) was the holder of Materials License No. SMB-00602, issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) on June 8, 1962. The license authorized the Licensee, in part, to conduct

decontamination and decommissioning activities in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

II

An investigation of the Licensee's activities was completed on September 29, 1999. The results of this investigation indicated that the Licensee had not conducted its activities in full compliance with NRC requirements. A written Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) was served upon the Licensee by letter dated September 24, 2001. The Notice states the nature of the violation, the provision of the NRC's requirements that the Licensee had violated, and the amount of the civil penalty proposed for the violation.

The Licensee responded to the Notice in a letter dated October 17, 2001. In its response, the Licensee denied the violation and protested the civil penalty. The Licensee claimed the employment action was taken for legitimate business reasons, the manager was unaware that the complainant had contacted the NRC, and the complainant did not have a material loss of benefits because he was placed on paid medical leave.

III

After consideration of the Licensee's response and the statements of fact, explanation, and argument for mitigation contained therein, the NRC staff has determined, that the violation occurred as stated and that the penalty proposed for the violation designated in the Notice should be imposed.

IV

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to Section 234 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Act), 42 U.S.C. 2282, and 10 CFR 2.205, it is hereby ordered that:

The Licensee pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$17,600 within 30 days of the date of this Order, in accordance with NUREG/BR-0254. In addition, at the time of making the payment, the Licensee shall submit a statement indicating when and by what method payment was made, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738.

V

The Licensee may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in

writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. A request for a hearing should be clearly marked as a "Request for an Enforcement Hearing" and shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, and to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532-4351.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of the hearing. If the Licensee fails to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order (or if written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing has not been granted), the provisions of this Order shall be effective without further proceedings. If payment has not been made by that time, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection.

In the event the Licensee requests a hearing as provided above, the issues to be considered at such hearing shall be:

(a) Whether the Licensee was in violation of the Commission's requirements as set forth in the Notice referenced in Section II above, and

(b) Whether, on the basis of such violation, this Order should be sustained.

Dated this 15th day of January 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research and State Programs.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 1320; Docket No. C2001-3]

First-Class Mail Service Standards

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice and order concerning complaint.

SUMMARY: The Commission has initiated a case to consider a complaint concerning the consistency of certain recent changes in First-Class Mail service standards with controlling statutory provisions. This will allow pertinent allegations to be reviewed. Rates are not affected. Notice of this

action has also been mailed to persons on the Commission's mailing list and has been posted on the Commission's Web site.

DATES: See Supplementary Information section.

ADDRESSES: Send correspondence regarding this document to the attention of Steven W. Williams, secretary, 1333 H Street NW., suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, general counsel, 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

This order addresses Douglas F. Carlson's formal request for institution of a service complaint proceeding, under 39 U.S.C. 3662, to address certain recent changes in First-Class Mail service standards.¹ The referenced changes, implemented in 2000 and 2001, affect two- and three-day service standards for delivery of First-Class Mail.

Scope and Extent of Changes

Carlson asserts that these changes entail a net decrease in the volume of First-Class Mail subject to a two-day service standard, and a net increase in the volume of First-Class Mail subject to a three-day standard. Carlson Complaint at 11. Carlson also says the changes affect over 76,440 origin-destination three-digit ZIP Code pairs in all postal areas, and all states except Alaska and Hawaii. Id. at 2-3, 11. He asserts:

The changes in First-Class Mail standards result in a net increase of approximately 22,250 origin-destination three-digit ZIP Code pairs for which the service standards is two days. However, the net volume of First-Class Mail subject to a two-day delivery standard instead of a three-day delivery standard has decreased by approximately 1.5 billion pieces per year. Moreover, the changes in First-Class Mail service standards have shifted over 3.4 billion pieces of mail per year from a two-day delivery standard to a three-day delivery standard.

Id. at 11, paragraph 53 (emphasis in original).

Rationale for seeking to explore recent changes in a service complaint.

In brief, Mr. Carlson's theory is that the Service should have requested an advisory opinion from the Commission,

¹ Douglas F. Carlson Complaint on First-Class Mail service standards, June 15, 2001 (Carlson complaint). The complaint includes an appendix, and was accompanied by two library references. DFC-LR-1 consists of correspondence with the Postal Service under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). DFC-LR-2 consists of service commitment diskettes and a service standards CD-ROM. Douglas F. Carlson notice of filing of library references, June 15, 2001. This order does not address FOIA issues.