

E. Equipment Availability, Maintenance, and Testing Requirements

Comments from the mining community have suggested that the costs associated with the current equipment requirements prevent some mine operators from establishing a mine rescue team.

In light of today's mine rescue team needs, what type, amount, maintenance and testing of equipment is appropriate to ensure the same level of protection for miners?

F. Incentives

A recommendation was received by the Agency to consider an incentive in the form of penalty reductions for mine operators that establish and maintain mine rescue teams.

The Agency believes this type of incentive would be prohibited by the Mine Act. We would, however, welcome suggestions on other types of incentives which would encourage operators to establish their own mine rescue teams.

Dated: March 7, 2002.

Dave D. Lauriski,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2002, and Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on March 21, and at 9 a.m. on March 22.

Topics for discussion include: Assessing the Medicare benefit package; changes in medical practice and the delivery of care—implications for the Medicare benefit package; changes in private sector benefit packages—implications for the Medicare benefit package; supplementing the Medicare benefit package: Medicaid, Medigap, retiree health care, and the role of Medicare+Choice; total spending and sources of payment for beneficiaries' health care; coverage of and payment for non-physician practitioners; beneficiaries' access to Medicare

hospice care; Medicare coverage of cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation services; Medicare benefit package: preliminary findings; criteria for evaluating potential changes to the Medicare benefit package; options for changing the Medicare benefit package, and reviewing the SGR update for 2003.

Agendas will be mailed on March 12, 2002. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Clearance; Public Information Collection Requirements To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget; Notice

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for clearance: Public information collection requirements to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request extension of approval for this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB extend clearance of this collection for at least 3 years.

DATES: Written comments should be received by May 13, 2002, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov, and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Attn: Lauren Wittenberg, NSF Desk Officer.

Comments: Written comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; or (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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. 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: Cross-Site Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Education and Human Resources' Urban Systemic Program.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0186.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2002.

Abstract:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for an evaluation of the Urban Systemic Program (USP), a study that has been on-going since October 1999 first under OMB 3145-0136 and now under OMB 3145-0186. Due to a change in OMB terms of clearance for OMB 3145-0136, NSF established an independent clearance for the USP study under the terms of an emergency clearance.

USP began in 1999 when NSF made competitive awards of up to \$3 million per year, for up to 5 years, to 5 urban school districts. Since then, the program has made awards to 13 additional districts in 2000, and another 9 districts in 2001. The USP represents one of NSF's major investments in improving science and mathematics education in

urban school systems across the country, and having third-party evaluation is important in order for the agency to interpret the worthiness of the investment.

NSF uses the data to: (1) Determine whether to modify or extend the USP concepts and (2) share best practices and lessons learned about reform in mathematics and science education for K–12 schools.

Specifically, during the first two years of the USP Cross-Site Evaluation, the third-party, COSMOS Corporation of Bethesda, MD, has produced reports for others at NSF (e.g., the National Science Board). Though there are other sources of such documentation, the information provided by the Cross-Site team is valued because the team is not associated in any way with the program sites. Second, the Division of Educational System Reform uses the information to supplement its annual *program monitoring*. Third, NSF will use the information, both to assess its investment in the USP program and potentially to help to guide the design of future programs, such as the Mathematics and Science Partnerships.

During the extended period of clearance, the cross-site evaluation will conduct site visits to the first 18 districts that received USP awards and will collect student achievement data in mathematics and science from all of the districts. This data collection complements earlier efforts already undertaken by the Cross-Site team under earlier OMB clearance.

Respondents: State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 378.

Burden on the Public: 270 hours.

Dated: March 7, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

OMB Submission and Review

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

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, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 48280, and no comments were received. NSF is

forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to *tpierce@nsf.gov*. 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: Outcomes and Impacts of The NSF Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MPRF) Program.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Establish an Information Collection.

Abstract: *Outcomes and Impacts of The NSF Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MPRF) Program.*

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation (NSF), through its Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MPRF) Program within the Directorates of Biosciences and Social and Behavioral Sciences, manages a program, established in 1990 that is designed to prepare minority scientists for positions of scientific leadership in academia, government, and industry. To achieve this, funding is provided through the program to enable new PhDs in BIO and SBE fields from underrepresented minority groups to have an opportunity to start their career by conducting fully funded independent research for several years. Approximately 12 fellowships are funded each year.

The purpose of the proposed study is to examine the results of the Program in the form of the awardees' career outcomes.

Use of the Information: The information will be used by NSF to understand the extent to which this program assists awardees in beginning their research careers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: 157.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 78.5 hours—157 respondents at ½ hour per response.

Frequency of Responses: One time.

Dated: March 6, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-02384-CivP; EA 99-290; ASLB No. 02-797-01-CivP]

Earthline Technologies; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and Sections 2.205, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721, and 2.772(j) of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic