

provided continuity of statistics since 1954 on R&D expenditures by source of funds and by science & engineering (S&E) field, with separate data requested on current fund expenditures for research equipment by S&E field. Statistics from the survey are published in NSF's annual publication series Academic Science and Engineering R&D Expenditures and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be submitted electronically primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden and provide for security, each institution is provided with their institutional code and password. Files are pre-loaded with the institution's previous year's data, instructions, help menus, and a complete program for editing and trend checking. A link is provided to print a complete pdf survey form. Respondents are encouraged to submit their response electronically via the web. Approximately 95% responded via the web and only 15 used other means to submit their data (telephone, paper, email) to this voluntary survey in FY 2001. A total response rate of 95.6% was obtained. Burden estimates are as follows:

Years	Doctorate-granting burden hours	Masters-granting burden hours	Bachelors degree or below burden hours
FY 1999	29.3	13.0	7.4
FY 2000	28.7	12.0	10.4
FY 2001	30.2	11.9	9.0

Dated: November 26, 2002.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND PLACE:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

**PLACE:** NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20594.

**STATUS:** The One Item is Open to the Public.

#### MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

7263B Aviation Accident Report—Loss of control and impact with Pacific Ocean, Alaska Airlines flight 261, McDonnell Douglas MD-83, N963AS,

about 2.7 miles north of Anacapa Island, California, January 31, 2000.

**News Media Contact: Telephone:** (202) 314-6100. Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Ms. Carolyn Dargan at (202) 314-6305 by Friday, December 6, 2002.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vicky D'Onofrio, (202) 314-6410.

Dated: November 29, 2002.

**Vicky D'Onofrio,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE:** Weeks of December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2002, January 6, 2003.

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

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

##### Week of December 2, 2002

*Wednesday, December 4, 2002*

8:45 a.m.

Discussion of security issues (closed-Ex. 1)

10 a.m.

Briefing on decommissioning bankruptcy issues (closed-Ex. 4&9)

##### Week of December 9, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 9, 2002.

##### Week of December 16, 2002—Tentative

*Tuesday, December 17, 2002*

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on policy options and recommendations for revising the NRC's process for handling discrimination issues (public meeting) (contact: Ho Nieh, 301-415-1721)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

*Wednesday, December 18, 2002*

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (public meeting) (contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

##### Week of December 23, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 23, 2002.

##### Week of December 30, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 30, 2002.

##### Week of January 6, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 6, 2003.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meeting call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

Contact persons for more information: R. Michelle Schroll (301) 415-1662.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at : [www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule/html](http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule/html).

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Dated: November 27, 2002.

**R. Michelle Schroll,**

*Acting Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.*

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## POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 1353]

### Petition Seeking a Proceeding

**AGENCY:** Postal Rate Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and order on petition seeking a proceeding.

**SUMMARY:** A petition has been filed seeking review of the jurisdictional status of numerous services offered by the Postal Service, such as First Class Phone Cards and Returns@ease. The petition also seeks, for services deemed non-jurisdictional, development of accounting and reporting rules. Although formal action on the petition has been deferred pending completion of a related Postal Service assessment, the Commission is soliciting comments from the public.

**DATES:** Submit comments by January 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system, which may be accessed at <http://www.prc.gov>. See