

and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by March 22, 2004, 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](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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:* "National Sciences Foundation Proposal/Award Information-Grant Proposal Guide"

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0058.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2004.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81-507) set forth NSF's mission and purpose:

"To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. \* \* \*"

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

Over the years, NSF's statutory authority has been modified in a number of significant ways. In 1968, authority to support applied research was added to the Organic Act. In 1980, The Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act gave NSF standing

authority to support activities to improve the participation of women and minorities in science and engineering.

Another major change occurred in 1986, when engineering was accorded equal status with science in the Organic Act. NSF has always dedicated itself to providing the leadership and vision needed to keep the words and ideas embedded in its mission statement fresh and up-to-date. Even in today's rapidly changing environment, NSF's core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: Promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF's vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last four decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

*Use of the Information:* The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 40,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 10,500 new awards. Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (proposal review is cleared under OMB Control No. 3145-0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

*Burden on the Public:* The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 40,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year for a total of 4,800,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board; Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** National Science Foundation, National Science Board, Committee on Programs and Plans.

**DATE AND TIME:** January 23, 2004 3:30 p.m. "4:30 p.m. Open Session Teleconference.

**PLACE:** The National Science Foundation, Stafford One Building, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 130, Arlington, VA 22230.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

**Friday, January 23, 2004**

*Open Session (3:30 to 4:30 p.m.)*

Discussion of the report by the National Academies on "Setting Priorities for Large Research Facility Projects supported by the National Science Foundation."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael P. Crosby, Executive Officer, NSB, (703) 292-7000, [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb).

**Michael P. Crosby,  
Executive Officer.**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-369]**

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects a notice appearing in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2003 (68 FR 70320), that corrects the licensee name.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sean Peters, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone (301) 415-1842, e-mail: [sep@nrc.gov](mailto:sep@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On page 70320, in the first column, in the first complete paragraph, first line, it is corrected to read from "Duke Energy Corporation" to "Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc."

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of January 2004.