

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 212.

Average Time Per Response: 5,180 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,098,240 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of January 2005.

Cathy Kazanowski,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (05-002)]

NASA Search for Earth-Like Planets Strategic Roadmap Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Search for Earth-Like Planets Strategic Roadmap Committee.

DATES: Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: Westward Look Hotel, 245 E. Ina Road, Tucson, AZ 85704.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eric Smith, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. Attendees will be requested to sign a register.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Overview of strategic roadmap process and products.
- Relationship to capabilities roadmaps.
- Legacy roadmap.
- Key science questions and future missions.

—Roadmap plan, next steps, and assignments.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

P. Diane Rausch,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 05-003]

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisitions; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of NASA's annual report on its alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) acquisitions for fiscal year 2004.

SUMMARY: Under the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211-13219) as amended by the Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-388), and Executive Order 13149 (April 2000), "Greening the Government Through Federal Fleet and Transportation Efficiency," NASA's annual AFV reports are available on the following NASA Web site: www.hq.nasa.gov/office/codej/codejlg/afv.htm.

ADDRESSES: Logistics Management Division, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Gookin, (202) 358-2306, or william.e.gookin@nasa.gov.

Jeffrey E. Sutton,

*Assistant Administrator for Infrastructure,
Management and Headquarters Operations.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish

notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 7, 2003, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a Waste Management permit application received. A Waste Management permit was issued on January 7, 2005 to the following applicant: Steve Brooks, Pole to Pole; Permit No.: 2005 WM-005.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1600]

NRC Enforcement Policy; Extension of Enforcement Discretion of Interim Policy

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Policy statement: revision.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising its General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions (NUREG-1600) (Enforcement Policy or Policy) to extend the interim enforcement policy regarding enforcement discretion for certain issues involving fire protection programs at operating nuclear power plants.

DATES: This revision is effective January 14, 2005. Comments on this revision to the Enforcement Policy may be submitted on or before February 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: T6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, Room O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. You may also e-mail comments to nrcrep@nrc.gov.

The NRC maintains the current Enforcement Policy on its Web site at

<http://www.nrc.gov>, select "What We Do, Enforcement," then "Enforcement Policy."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sunil Weerakkody, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, (301) 415-2870, e-mail (SDW1@nrc.gov) or Renée Pedersen, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, (301) 415-2742, e-mail (RMP@nrc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 16, 2004, the NRC published in the **Federal Register** a final rule amending 10 CFR 50.48 (69 FR 33536). This rule became effective on July 16, 2004, and allows licensees to adopt 10 CFR 50.48(c), a voluntary risk-informed, performance-based alternative to current fire protection requirements. The NRC concurrently revised its Enforcement Policy (69 FR 33684) to provide interim enforcement discretion during a "transition" period. The interim enforcement discretion policy includes provisions to address (1) noncompliances identified during the licensee's transition process and, (2) existing identified noncompliances.

In accordance with the current Enforcement Policy, for noncompliances identified as part of the transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c), the enforcement discretion period begins upon the receipt of a letter of intent from the licensee stating its intention to adopt 10 CFR 50.48(c) and it would remain in effect for up to two years. Furthermore, when the licensee submits a license amendment request to complete the transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c), the enforcement discretion will continue until the NRC completes its review of the license amendment request.

The second element of the interim enforcement discretion policy provides enforcement discretion for licensees who wish to take advantage of the new rule to resolve existing noncompliances. One of the criteria that must be met to exercise this discretion is that the licensee must submit a letter of intent to adopt 10 CFR 50.48(c) within 6 months of the effective date of the final rule. Therefore, the current deadline for the letter of intent to allow discretion for existing noncompliances is January 16, 2005.

As a result, if a licensee submits a letter of intent on or before January 16, 2005, (in order to meet the second discretion element) the enforcement discretion for noncompliances identified during the licensee's transition process (the first discretion

element) would remain in effect until January 15, 2007.

By letter dated July 7, 2004, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) (ADAMS Accession ML042010132) requested that NRC extend the deadline for the letter of intent from January 16, 2005, to December 31, 2005. According to the NEI letter, the primary basis for this request is to accommodate the licensee planning and budgeting for transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c).

The NRC considered NEI's request in light of possible safety implications, the NRC's regulatory philosophy to provide incentives for licensees to move to risk-informed, performance-based fire protection requirements, and the NRC's need to put long standing fire protection issues on a closure path.

When the NRC issued the interim enforcement discretion policy, the NRC chose to limit the time allowed to submit a letter of intent to 6 months for existing noncompliances because the NRC wanted to prevent undue delays in either restoring compliance to 10 CFR 50.48(b) or establishing compliance to 10 CFR 50.48(c). The NRC did not consider the challenges imposed on the licensees in budgeting and planning. After receiving NEI's request to extend the time allowed for the letter of intent by one year, the NRC reevaluated potential safety concerns associated with a one year extension to existing noncompliances. The NRC concludes that granting NEI's request does not adversely affect public health and safety because:

- Enforcement discretion does not apply to the risk-significant issues, which under the Reactor Oversight Process would be evaluated as Red;
- Enforcement discretion does not apply to issues that would be categorized as Severity Level I;
- The licensee is required to adopt compensatory measures until compliance is either restored to 10 CFR 50.48(b) or achieved per 10 CFR 50.48(c), and
- Licensees potentially would be identifying and addressing improvements to existing programs.

In addition to allowing licensees time for budgeting and planning to adopt 10 CFR 50.48(c), this extension will also allow licensees to consider the draft Regulatory Guide (RG) and the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) and fire modeling tools in their decision. This RG and the PRA were issued for public comment in October 2004. The fire modeling tools will be issued for public comment in Summer 2005.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This policy statement does not contain new or amended information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) Existing requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), approval number 3150-0136. The approved information collection requirements contained in this policy statement appear in Section VII.C.

Public Protection Notification

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC had determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB.

Accordingly, the proposed revision to the NRC Enforcement Policy reads as follows:

General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions

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Interim Enforcement Policies

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Interim Enforcement Policy Regarding Enforcement Discretion for Certain Fire Protection Issues (10 CFR 50.48)

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B. Existing Identified Noncompliances

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In addition, licensees may have existing identified noncompliances that could reasonably be corrected under 10 CFR 50.48(c). For these noncompliances, the NRC is providing enforcement discretion for the implementation of corrective actions until the licensee has transitioned to 10 CFR 50.48(c) provided that the noncompliances meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) The licensee has entered the noncompliance into its corrective action program and implemented appropriate compensatory measures,
- (2) The noncompliance is not associated with a finding that the Reactor Oversight Process Significance Determination Process would evaluate

as Red, or it would not be categorized at Severity Level I,

(3) The licensee submits a letter of intent by December 31, 2005, stating its intent to transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c).

After December 31, 2005, as addressed in (3) above, this enforcement discretion for implementation of corrective actions for existing identified noncompliances will not be available and the requirements of 10 CFR 50.48(b) (and any other requirements in fire protection license conditions) will be enforced in accordance with normal enforcement practices.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 11th day of January, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Week of January 17, 2005.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of January 17, 2005

Tuesday, January 18, 2005

9:55 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

a. System Energy Resources Inc. (Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf Nuclear Site), Docket Number 52-009, Appeal by National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Claiborne County, Mississippi Branch, Nuclear Information Service, Public Citizen, and Mississippi Chapter of the Sierra Club from LBP-04-19. (Tentative).

b. Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility) (Tentative).

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Dated: January 11, 2005.

Dave Gamberoni,

Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Final bulletin.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2004, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), issued its Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review to the heads of departments and agencies (available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2005/m05-03.html>). This new guidance is designed to realize the benefits of meaningful peer review of the most important science disseminated by the Federal Government. It is part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the Federal Government to the public. This final bulletin has benefited from an extensive stakeholder process. OMB originally requested comment on its "Proposed

Bulletin on Peer Review and Information Quality," published in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2003. OMB received 187 public comments during the comment period (available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/2003iq/iq_list.html). In addition, to improve the draft Bulletin, OMB encouraged federal agencies to sponsor a public workshop at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). The NAS workshop (November 18, 2003, at the National Academies in Washington, DC) attracted several hundred participants, including leaders in the scientific community (available at http://www7.nationalacademies.org/stl/STL_Peer_Review_Agenda.html).

OMB also participated in outreach activities with major scientific organizations and societies that had expressed specific interest in the draft Bulletin. A formal interagency review of the draft Bulletin, resulting in detailed comments from numerous Federal departments and agencies, was undertaken in collaboration with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In light of the substantial interest in the Bulletin, including a wide range of constructive criticisms of the initial draft, OMB decided to issue a revised draft for further comment. This revised draft was published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2004, and solicited a second round of public comment. The revised draft stimulated a much smaller number of comments (57) (available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/peer2004/list_peer2004.html). OMB's response to the additional criticisms, suggestions, and refinements offered for consideration is available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/peer2004/peer_response.pdf. The final Bulletin includes refinements that strike a balance among the diverse perspectives expressed during the comment period. Part I of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below provides background. Part II provides the text of the final Bulletin.

DATES: The requirements of this Bulletin, with the exception of those in Section V (Peer Review Planning), apply to information disseminated on or after June 16, 2005. However, they do not apply to information for which an agency has already provided a draft report and an associated charge to peer reviewers. The requirements in Section V regarding "highly influential scientific assessments" are effective June 16, 2005. The requirements in Section V regarding "influential scientific information" are effective December 16, 2005.