

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board is authorized by section 242 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-220 (20 U.S.C. 9252). The Board consists of 10 individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board advises and makes recommendations to the Interagency Group that administers the Institute. The Interagency Group is composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. The Interagency Group considers the Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in implementing any programs to achieve those goals. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions: (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and the Institute's Director.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Institute's future and current program priorities; status of on-going Institute work; other relevant literacy activities and issues; and other Board business as necessary.

On June 11, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel issues related to the Institute's Director position.

The discussion is likely to disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personnel privacy. The discussion must therefore be held in closed session under exemptions 2 and 6 of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6). A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Steve Langley at 202-233-2025 no later than June 4, 2008. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Request for Public Written Comment. The public may send written comments to the Advisory Board no later than 5 p.m. on June 4, 2008, to Steve Langley at the National Institute for Literacy,

1775 I St., NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006, e-mail: slangley@nifl.gov.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I St., NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time Monday through Friday.

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Dated: May 20, 2008.

Sandra Baxter,

Director, The National Institute for Literacy.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend Without Revision a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of 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 opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 28, 2008 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

For Additional Information or Comments: 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. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Fellowship Applications and Award Forms.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0023.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2008.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend without revision an information collection for three years.

Abstract

Section 10 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*), as amended, states that "The Foundation is authorized to award, within the limits of funds made available * * * scholarships and graduate fellowships for scientific study or scientific work in the mathematical physical, medical, biological, engineering, social, and other sciences at appropriate nonprofit American or nonprofit foreign institutions selected by the recipient of such aid, for stated periods of time."

The Foundation Fellowship Programs are designed to meet the following objectives:

- To assure that some of the Nation's most talented students in the sciences obtain the education necessary to become creative and productive scientific researchers.
- To train or upgrade advanced scientific personnel to enhance their abilities as teachers and researchers.
- To promote graduate education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering at institutions that have traditionally served ethnic minorities.
- To encourage pursuit of advanced science degrees by students who are members of ethnic groups traditionally under-represented in the Nation's advanced science personnel pool.

The list of fellowship award programs sponsored by the Foundation may be found via FastLane through the NSF Web site: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>.

Estimate of Burden: These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the fellowship program. Public burden may also vary according to program, however it is estimated that each submission is averaged to be 12 hours per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 60,000 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Comments: 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; (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.

Dated: May 21, 2008.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by June 26, 2008. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as

directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Terrie M. Williams, COH-Long Lab, University of California, Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Permit Application No. 2009-005.

Activity for Which Permit is

Requested: Take and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to capture up to 50 non-pregnant adult Weddell Seals each season over the course of 2 years. The seals will be weighed, measured, sedated to attach instruments and collect blood and tissue samples, then released. The samples and measurements will be used to determine how hunting behavior, prey preference and foraging of Weddell seals changes during periods of decreasing and increasing photoperiod (autumn and spring) and the extended period of winter darkness (mid-May to early August).

Location: McMurdo Sound.

Dates: August 1, 2008 to December 30, 2011.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1175.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ching H. Ng, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 415-8054 or e-mail Ching.Ng@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public

comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating technical information related to specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide, entitled, "Seismic Qualification of Electric and Active Mechanical Equipment and Functional Qualification of Active Mechanical Equipment for Nuclear Power Plants," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1175, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence.

The NRC issued Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.100, titled "Seismic Qualification of Electric and Mechanical Equipment for Nuclear Power Plants," in June 1988. With a few exceptions and clarifications, it endorsed the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Std 344-1987, "IEEE Recommended Practice for Seismic Qualification of Class 1E Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," and extended the application of that standard to the seismic qualification of mechanical equipment. In extending the application of IEEE Std 344-1987 to mechanical equipment, the NRC staff recognized differences in seismic qualification methods for electric equipment (including instrumentation and control (I&C) components) and mechanical equipment. Specifically, Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.100 stated that seismic qualification of mechanical equipment by analysis is permitted when such equipment can be modeled to adequately predict its response. The IEEE has updated IEEE Std 344-1987 and issued it as IEEE Std 344-2004 in June 2005.

Revision 2 also stated that the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) was developing a standard for seismic qualification of mechanical equipment and, upon publication of that standard, the NRC staff would review it for suitability for endorsement by a revision of Regulatory Guide 1.100. In 1994, the ASME issued a standard, ASME QME-1-1994, "Qualification of Active Mechanical Equipment Used in Nuclear Power Plants." The ASME QME-1 covers both seismic qualification and functional qualification of active mechanical equipment. The ASME subsequently revised and reissued the standard in 1997, 2000, and 2002, with the last