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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Comment Request: Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

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; 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 May 11, 2009 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Plimpton on (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: "Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form".
OMB Approval Number: 3145-0203.
Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2009.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: Five organizational units within the Directorate of Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation will use the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form. They are the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI), the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) and Emerging Frontiers (EF). All scientists submitting proposals to these units will be asked to complete an electronic version of the Proposal Classification Form. The form consists of brief questions about the substance of the research and the investigator's previous Federal support. Each division will have a slightly different version of the form. In this way, submitters will only confront response choices that are relevant to their discipline.

Use of the Information: The information gathered with the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form serves two main purposes. The first is facilitation of the proposal review process. Since peer review is a key component of NSF's grant-making process, it is imperative that proposals are reviewed by scientists with appropriate expertise. The information collected with the Proposal Classification Form helps ensure that the proposals are evaluated by specialists who are well versed in appropriate subject matter. This helps maintain a fair and equitable review process.

The second use of the information is program evaluation. The Directorate is committed to investing in a range of substantive areas. With data from this collection, the Directorate can calculate submission rates and funding rates in specific areas of research. Similarly, the information can be used to identify emerging areas of research, evaluate changing infrastructure needs in the research community, and track the amount of international research. As the National Science Foundation is committed to funding cutting-edge science, these factors all have implications for program management.

The Directorate of Biological Sciences has a continuing commitment to monitor its information collection in

order to preserve its applicability and necessity. Through periodic updates and revisions, the Directorate ensures that only useful, non-redundant information is collected. These efforts will reduce excessive reporting burdens.

Burden on the Public: The Directorate estimates that an average of five minutes is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 6,500 responses are expected during the course of one year for a total of 542 public burden hours annually.

Expected Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,500.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 542 hours.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Dated: March 9, 2009.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2008-0621]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on December 10, 2008.

1. *Type of Submission, New, Revision, or Extension:* Extension.

2. *The Title of the Information Collection:* 10 CFR Part 30—Rules of General Applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material.
Current OMB Approval Number: 3150-0017.

3. *The Form Number if Applicable:* N/A.

4. *How Often the Collection is Required:* Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a license. Renewal applications are submitted every 10 years. Information submitted in previous applications may be referenced without being resubmitted. In addition, recordkeeping must be performed on an on-going basis.

5. *Who Will be Required or Asked to Report:* All persons applying for or holding a license to manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, or use radioactive byproduct material.

6. *An Estimate of the Number of Annual Responses:* 38,407 (6,623 NRC Licensee responses (2,754 Responses + 3,869 Recordkeepers) and 31,784 Agreement State Licensee responses (13,213 Responses + 18,571 Recordkeepers)).

7. *The Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 22,440 (3,869 NRC licensees and 18,571 Agreement State licensees).

8. *An Estimate of the Total Number of Hours Needed Annually to Complete the Requirement or Request:* 314,844 (NRC licensees 54,250 hours (24,633 reporting + 29,617 recordkeeping) and Agreement State licensees 260,594 hours (118,597 reporting + 141,997 recordkeeping)).

9. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 30 establishes requirements that are applicable to all persons in the United States governing domestic licensing of radioactive byproduct material. The application, reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to permit the NRC to make a determination whether the possession, use, and transfer of byproduct material is in conformance with the Commission's regulations for protection of the public health and safety.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 13, 2009. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Christine Kyme, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0017), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be e-mailed to ckymn@omb.eop.gov or submitted by telephone at (202) 395-4638.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Gregory Trussell, (301) 415-6445.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of March 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gregory Trussell,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0107]

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Gaslevic, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 415-2776 or e-mail to James.Gaslevic@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing 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 specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Guidance for ITAAC Closure under 10 CFR Part 52," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1204, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1204 describes a method that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in satisfying the requirements for documenting the completion of inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC). In particular, DG-1204 endorses the provisions in the industry guidance

document Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 08-01, "Industry Guideline for the ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR Part 52," Revision 3, issued December 2008, for the implementation of Title 10, § 52.99, "Inspection during construction," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 52.99). In 10 CFR 52.99, the NRC included requirements for the process of documenting and reporting satisfaction of the acceptance criteria for each ITAAC listed in the combined license (COL) and accompanying design certification.

The objectives of DG-1204 are to provide guidance to help licensees make notifications to the NRC for completed and uncompleted ITAAC. The NRC uses these notifications for inspection planning and public hearing purposes. DG-1204 describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable for licensees to use for documenting and reporting the satisfactory completion of the acceptance criteria for each ITAAC listed in the COL and accompanying design certification. DG-1204, through its endorsement of an industry guidance document for licensees, provides guidance on complying with the requirements of 10 CFR 52.99.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1204. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1204 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

Personal information will not be removed from your comments. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. Mail comments to: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. E-mail comments to: nrcprep.resource@nrc.gov

3. Fax comments to: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

Requests for technical information about DG-1204 may be directed to the NRC contact, James Gaslevic at (301) 415-2776 or e-mail to James.Gaslevic@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by May 13, 2009. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before