NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by June 11, 2010 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 Boulevard, Room 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpton@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292–7556 or send e-mail to splimpton@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Antarctic emergency response plan and environmental protection information.

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0180.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2010.

Abstract: The NSF, pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.) ("ACA") regulates certain non-governmental activities in Antarctica. The ACA was amended in 1996 by the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act. On August 7, 2001, NSF published a final rule in the Federal Register (66 FR 46739) implementing certain of these statutory amendments. The rule requires non-governmental Antarctic expeditions using non-U.S. flagged vessels to ensure that the vessel owner has an emergency response plan. The rule also requires persons organizing a non-governmental expedition to provide expedition members with information on their environmental protection obligations under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

Expected Respondents: Respondents may include non-profit organizations and small and large businesses. The majority of respondents are anticipated to be U.S. tour operators, currently estimated to number twelve.

Burden on the Public. The Foundation estimates that a one-time paperwork and recordkeeping burden of 40 hours or less, at a cost of $500 to $1,400 per respondent, will result from the emergency response plan requirement contained in the rule. Presently, all respondents have been providing expedition members with a copy of the Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic [prepared and adopted at the Eighteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting as Recommendation XVIII–1]. Because this Antarctic Treaty System document satisfies the environmental protection information requirements of the rule, no additional burden shall result from the environmental information requirements in the proposed rule.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: National Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (PACP) [NRC–2010–0149]

Date/Time: May 20, 2010, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 21, 2010, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room II–555.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Sue LaFratta, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292–8030.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs, and activities on the polar research community, to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long-range planning.

Agenda: Staff presentations and discussion on opportunities and challenges for polar research, education and infrastructure; discussion of Committee of Visitors meetings; transformative research; and strategic planning.

Dated: April 7, 2010.

Susanne Bolton, Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NRC–2010–0149

Establishment of the U.S. Department of Energy as the Long-Term Custodian of the Maybell West Uranium Mill Tailings Site in Moffatt County, CO.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the U.S. Department of Energy as the long-term custodian of the Maybell West uranium mill tailings site in Moffatt County, Colorado, under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 40.28, and
termination of the Umetco Minerals Corporation Colorado Radioactive Materials License Number 660–01 for the Maybell West site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Richard Chang, Project Manager, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC, 20555. Telephone: (301) 415–7188; fax number: (301) 415–5369; e-mail: richard.chang@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Notice of Approval

On June 14, 2007, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff concurred with the State of Colorado’s determination that all applicable standards and requirements for the protection of public health, safety, and the environment had been met for the Umetco Minerals Corporation (Umetco) Maybell West uranium mill tailings disposal site. On February 5, 2010, Umetco transferred ownership of its 20-acre parcel of the 180-acre Maybell West uranium mill tailings disposal site to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for long-term custody, as required by 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 11, prior to termination of Umetco’s Radioactive Materials License by the State of Colorado. The 160-acre balance of the disposal site is on public land, which was transferred by the Bureau of Land Management to the DOE in April 2008. By letter dated February 16, 2010, the DOE submitted the final Long-Term Surveillance Plan (LTSP) for the Maybell West disposal site for review and acceptance by the NRC. The NRC staff has completed its review of the LTSP and determined that the LTSP satisfies the long-term surveillance requirements in 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 12, and § 40.28, for the Maybell West tailings disposal site.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the NRC has accepted the LTSP for the Maybell West site. As documented in NRC’s letter dated March 11, 2010, acceptance of this LTSP establishes the DOE as the long-term custodian and caretaker of the Maybell West site under the general license specified in § 40.28. In a concurrent action, the State of Colorado terminated Umetco’s Radioactive Materials License Number 660–01 for the Maybell West site. These actions complete all requirements for closure of the Maybell West site under the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, as amended. These actions do not require an environmental assessment as they are administrative in nature and categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c) (11). Accepting this LTSP and establishing this site in the custody and long-term care of the DOE involved no significant: (i) Change in the types or increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (ii) increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure; (iii) construction impact; and (iv) increase in the potential for, or consequences from radiological accidents.

II. Further Information

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC’s “Rules of Practice,” copies of the Maybell West LTSP submitted by DOE in a letter dated February 16, 2010, and the letter dated March 11, 2010, from the State of Colorado to Umetco terminating their Radioactive Materials License, are available electronically at the NRC’s Electronic Reading Room at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. From this site, you can access the NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are listed below. If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Documents Related to this Notice:
2. Letter dated February 16, 2010, from T. Pauling, DOE, to W. VonTll, NRC, submitting the final Long-Term Surveillance Plan for the Maybell West Disposal Site, Moffait County, Colorado. ML100550721.

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC’s PDR, OI F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of April 2010.
For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Keith I. McConnell,
Deputy Director, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—
Thursday, April 29, 2010,
Thursday, May 27, 2010,
Thursday, June 17, 2010,
Thursday, July 15, 2010,
Thursday, August 12, 2010,
Thursday, September 16, 2010,
Thursday, October 21, 2010,
Thursday, November 18, 2010,

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee’s primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

These scheduled meetings are open to the public with both labor and