

Under the proposed Decree, the Transocean Defendants will pay a \$1 billion civil penalty. The proposed Decree does not conclude any claim against the Transocean Defendants other than those claims for penalty specified in the proposed Decree. The proposed Decree also does not resolve any claim brought against other defendants in this civil enforcement action.

Also under the proposed Decree, the Transocean Defendants must comply with court-enforceable strictures aimed at reducing the chances of another blowout-and-discharge-of-oil and at improving emergency response capabilities. Examples of these requirements include: Certifications of maintenance and repair of blowout preventers before each drilling job, consideration of process safety risks, and personnel training related to oil spills and responses to other emergencies. The Transocean Defendants will have to meet these requirements for at least five years on all their drilling operations in waters near the United States.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Decree. The 21-day period (and not a longer period of time) is provided to ensure both a proper public comment period and an opportunity for the Department of Justice to receive, consider, and address public comments before the first phase of the civil trial, scheduled to begin on February 25, 2013, before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production et al*, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (centralized in MDL 2179: *In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico*, April 20, 2012), D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-10026.

During the public comment period, the proposed Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent-Decrees.html>. A copy of the proposed Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or emailing a request to "Consent Decree Copy" (EESDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation

number (202) 514-5271. If requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$19.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if requesting by fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the address given above.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ASTM International Standards

Notice is hereby given that, on December 12, 2012, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), ASTM International ("ASTM") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM standards activities originating between September and December 2012 designated as Work Items. A complete listing of ASTM Work Items, along with a brief description of each, is available at <http://www.astm.org>.

On September 15, 2004, ASTM filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 10, 2012. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2012 (77 FR 61786).

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Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

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 or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. The National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

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 to be collected; 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 on this notice must be received by March 11, 2013 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 292-7556, or send email 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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0019.
Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2014.

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

1. *Abstract:* Established within the National Science Foundation by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center

for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) serves as a central Federal clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of objective data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development for use by practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public. The Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) is part of an integrated survey system that meets the human resources part of this mission.

The SED has been conducted annually since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by six Federal agencies in order to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information on one of our Nation's most important resources—highly educated individuals. Data are obtained via paper questionnaire or Web survey from each person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the degree. Data are collected on their field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, debt level, postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics.

The Federal government, universities, researchers, and others use the information extensively. The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in several reports, but primarily in the annual publication series, "Science and Engineering Doctorates" and the Interagency Report, "Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities." These reports are available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974. Responses from individuals are voluntary. NSF will ensure that all individually identifiable information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

2. *Expected Respondents:* A total response rate of 92.8% of the 49,010 persons who earned a research doctorate was obtained in academic year 2011. This level of response rate has been consistent for several years. The respondents will be individuals and the estimated number of respondents annually is around 48,000 (based on the 2011 response rate).

3. *Estimate of Burden:* In 2014, approximately 52,000 individuals are expected to receive research doctorates from United States institutions. The Foundation estimates that, on average, 20 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey. The annual respondent burden for completing the SED is therefore

estimated at 17,333 hours, based on 52,000 respondents.

Additional time is needed to complete the Missing Information Letter (MIL), which is sent to any survey respondent who did not provide data on any of eight "critical items" (year of Master's, year of Bachelor's, postgraduation location (state or country), birth date, citizenship status, race, ethnicity, and gender) on their original response. Most MILs address fewer than eight missing items. Based on past results, the average respondent is expected to spend two minutes completing the MIL. The SED receives an average of 2,000 completed MILs each survey round, for an annual MIL completion burden estimate of 67 hours.

In addition to the actual survey, the SED also requires the collection of administrative data from participating institutions. The Institutional Coordinator at the institution helps distribute the survey, track it, collect it and submit the completed questionnaires to the SED survey contractor. Based on focus groups conducted with Institutional Coordinators, it is estimated that the SED demands no more than 1% of the Institutional Coordinator's time over the course of a year, which computes to 20 hours per year per individual contact (40 hours per week \times 50 weeks per year \times .01). With 530 programs participating in the SED, the estimated annual burden to Institutional Coordinators of administering the SED is 10,600 hours.

Therefore, the total annual information burden for the SED is estimated to be 28,000 hours. This is higher than the last annual estimate approved by OMB due to the increased number of respondents (doctorate recipients).

Dated: January 3, 2013.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of a teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee National Science Board.

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Board.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 7, 2012 from 2:00-2:15 p.m.

SUBJECT MATTER: Review of Board member proposal requesting NSF funding.

STATUS: Closed.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference originating at the National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

UPDATES: Please refer to the National Science Board Web site www.nsf.gov/nsb for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>.

AGENCY CONTACT: Dedric A. Carter, 703/292-8002, (dacarter@nsf.gov).

Ann Bushmiller,
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NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Corporate Administration Committee Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2013.

PLACE: 1325 G Street NW., Suite 800, Boardroom, Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erica Hall, Assistant Corporate Secretary, (202) 220-2376; ehall@nw.org.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Officer Performance Reviews
- III. Human Resources Update
- IV. Corporate Administration Committee Charter
- V. Adjournment

Erica Hall,
Assistant Corporate Secretary.

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