requirements of an OSHA standard. OSHA uses the information collected under these procedures to: (1) Evaluate the employer’s claim that the alternative means of compliance would provide affected employees with the requisite level of health and safety protection; (2) assess the technical feasibility of the alternative means of compliance; (3) determine that the employer properly notified affected employees of the variance application and their right to a hearing; and (4) verify that the application contains the administrative information required by the applicable variance regulation.

Currently, no specific forms are available for preparing variance applications and other documents that may accompany variance applications. OSHA is developing new forms to assist employers in preparing variance applications that comply with the information collection requirements contained in the OSH Act and variance regulations.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for proper performance of the Agency’s functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA’s estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting OMB approval of the information collection (paperwork) requirements contained in Sections 6(b)(6)(A), 6(b)(6)(B), 6(b)(6)(C), 6(d), and 16 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and 29 CFR 1905.10, 1905.11, and 1905.12. These statutory and regulatory provisions specify the requirements for submitting applications to OSHA for temporary, experimental, permanent, and national defense variances.

OSHA is also requesting OMB approval to develop and use variance application forms for the four types of variances specified by the OSH Act and variance regulations. The four types of variances are: temporary variances (Section 6(b)(6)(A) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 655; 29 CFR 1905.10); experimental variances (Section 6(b)(6)(C) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 655; 29 CFR 1905.11); and national defense variances (Section 16 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 665; 29 CFR 1905.12). The variance regulations specify the information that employers must provide when requesting one of these variances. The variance application forms would organize and clarify the information collection requirements for each type of variance by specifying the requirements in comprehensible language, and providing explanatory material. Employers applying for a variance could download and complete the applicable form from OSHA’s Web site. The forms would expedite the application process for employers, and ensure that the information on the application is complete and accurate.

The Agency is proposing to retain its previous burden hour estimate of 366 hours. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to approve these information collection requirements and variance application forms.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Variance Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0265.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 12.

Total Responses: 12.

Average Time per Response: Ranges from 2 hours for an employer to assemble the application documents to 16 hours to locate and assemble information required to complete an application.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 366.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $0.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

1. Electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other materials must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA—2009–0024). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350, (TTY (877) 889–5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publically available to read or download from this Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the http://www.regulations.gov Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the Web site’s “User Tips” link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available from the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 et seq.) and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 14, 2014.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
U.S. Copyright Office
[Docket No. 2014–05]
Public Draft of the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices

AGENCY: U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office (the “Office”) is announcing the release of a public draft of its administrative manual, the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition (the “Third Edition”). It is available on the Office’s Web site at http://copyright.gov/comp3/. The Third Edition will remain in draft form for 120 days pending final review and implementation. It is expected to take effect on or around December 15, 2014.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Kasunic, Associate Register and Director of Registration Policy and Practice, U.S. Copyright Office, P.O. Box 70400, Washington, DC 20024–0400. Telephone (202) 707–8040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices is the administrative manual of the Register of Copyrights concerning the mandate and statutory duties of the Copyright Office under title 17 of the United States Code. For the first time in more than two decades, the Office is releasing a major revision of this manual titled, Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition.

The Third Edition presents more than 1200 pages of administrative practices and sets the stage for a number of long-term improvements in the area of registration and recordation policy. While prior publications were largely internal, the Third Edition is a comprehensive overhaul that makes the practices and standards of the Office more timely and transparent. It will serve as a technical manual for staff, as well as a guidebook for authors, copyright licensees, practitioners, scholars, the courts, and members of the general public. As in the past, it will address fundamental principles of copyright law—for example, standards of copyrightability, joint authorship, work for hire, and termination of transfers—as well as routine questions involving fees, records retrieval, litigation documents, and other procedural matters. Among other improvements, the Third Edition will offer the significant benefits of electronic publication. Its final format will allow for regular updates and will have a multitude of hypertext links to statutory and regulatory provisions, glossary terms, and cross-references.

The public draft of the Third Edition may be viewed on the Office’s Web site at http://copyright.gov/comp3/. It will remain in draft form for 120 days pending final review and implementation, taking effect on or around December 15, 2014.

Dated: August 12, 2014.
Jacqueline C. Charlesworth, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Proposal Review Panel for Computing and Communication Foundations; Notice of Meeting

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


DATES: September 23, 2014, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.; September 24, 2014, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.; September 25, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Wachtler, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1175, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8950.

BILLCODE 7555–01–M

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

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

- Name: Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (#1110).

DATES: September 10, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; September 11, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Liarakos, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 605, Arlington, VA 22230; Tel No.: (703) 292–8400.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
EIC Site Visit Agenda

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Closed

Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge.

Wednesday, September 24, 2014
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Open

Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff, and students to the Site Team and NSF Staff Discussions, question and answer sessions.

1 p.m.–8 p.m.: Closed

Draft report on education and research activities.

Thursday, September 25, 2014
8:30 a.m.–noon: Open

Response presentations by Site Team and NSF Staff Awardee Institution Discussions, question and answer sessions.

Noon to 3 p.m.: Closed

Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.


Crystal Robinson, Acting Committee Management Officer.