

significantly while they are being moved. Third, the portable refuge chambers cannot simply be parked on the decline because of their size, they would block access between the development drift face and the escapeways. To allow for the decline to remain clear, a cutout into the rib must be made to park the refuge chamber. Fourth, the refuge chambers are not available for use while being moved (and air and water are being reconnected), meaning that Kensington risks non-compliance with § 5711010 each time it is attempting to comply with MSHA's directive to reposition the refuge to remain within 1,000 feet of the face.

Taken to its logical conclusion, to ensure compliance, Kensington would be forced to have two refuges in place, and "leapfrog" them during exploration and development. However, the spacing and cost associated with that approach are untenable.

Each refuge chamber is roughly 15 feet long, and requires a cutout that is 30 feet deep. The development costs at Kensington are approximately \$1500 per foot, meaning that each 30-foot cutout will cost \$45,000 to create. Installing air, water and shotcrete will be in addition to the \$45,000 figure. Moving the unit will take 2 miners approximately 12 hours, at a labor cost of \$1136. In total, the average cost to relocate a portable refuge one time is almost \$50,000. Assuming Kensington positioned the refuge at a distance that was 50 percent of the stated requirement, so that relocations were only required every ten days, the resulting 36 relocations per year will cost approximately \$1.8 million for the 255 Decline alone.

For these reasons, not only does MSHA's current interpretation of 30 CFR 57.11050 add a new requirement to the standard without undergoing the rulemaking process, the interpretation will result in a diminution of safety to the miners at Kensington Mine. There is no peer-reviewed empirical data to support this additional requirement, and the plain language of 30 CFR 57.11050 does not support the requirement either.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will provide the same or greater measure of safety as would be provided by application of the existing standard.

**Sheila McConnell,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**Notice of Instructions for Emergency Relief Grants**

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation

**ACTION:** Notice—Instructions for emergency relief grants.

**SUMMARY:** Generally, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) has funds available to help meet the special needs of LSC grantees in areas experiencing emergencies recognized through government declarations. This Notice sets forth instructions for current LSC grantees with such needs affecting their offices or parts of their service area who wish to apply for emergency relief funding when such funds are available. This information is also posted to the LSC Web site at [www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov).

**DATES:** These instructions are effective September 19, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Disaster Grants Coordinator, Office of Program Performance, Legal Services Corporation, 3333 K St. NW., Washington, DC 20007, (202) 295-1500, [emergencygrants@lsc.gov](mailto:emergencygrants@lsc.gov) (preferred contact).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Emergency Relief Grants**

*A. Eligibility*

Generally, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) has funds available to help meet the special needs of LSC grantees in areas experiencing emergencies recognized through government declarations. When funding is available, current LSC grantees are eligible to apply for such emergency funds only if they provide services or have an office located in an area subject to an emergency declaration or similar determination by a government entity or equivalent, at any level, including tribal governments regardless of federal recognition. Such determinations could address disasters, public health emergencies, droughts, or other circumstances warranting emergency-response actions and services. This policy supersedes LSC's prior policy that limited these grants to Federally declared disaster areas. Information regarding this grant program is available at [www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov) in the "Our Grant Programs" section.

*B. Applications*

Interested grantees should contact the LSC Office of Program Performance to discuss the application process, standards, and selection criteria. Information about the application forms and method of submission are available

on [www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov) in the "Our Grant Programs" section. Applications should, at minimum, address the following topics.

1. Resources, Needs, and Objectives
  - a. A description of the damage sustained by applicant and/or the surge in demand for services as a result of the emergency.
  - b. An estimate, in dollars, of lost property, including records, and equipment.
  - c. The amount of emergency funds requested.
  - d. A brief narrative stating the purpose of the requested funds.
  - e. The grantee's current annual budget of revenue and expenses including both LSC funds and non-LSC funds.
2. Operational Procedures
  - a. The anticipated length of time needed to restore operations from emergency status to normal and/or the anticipated length of time of the expected surge in demand.
  - b. The anticipated term of the emergency grant (*i.e.*, proposed beginning and termination dates).
  - c. A description of the project, including criteria to be used for determining successful completion.
3. Budget—A Detailed Budget of Expenses for the Emergency Relief Grant

*C. Approval Criteria*

Given the nature of these emergency situations, LSC will process requests for assistance on a priority basis. The primary emphasis will be on restoring or expanding, as quickly as possible, the program's capacity to serve eligible clients.

*D. Accounting and Reporting*

1. Accounting for the Grant

The grant must be separately reported by natural line item in the grantee's annual audit(s). This reporting may be done either on the face of the financial statements, or in a schedule attached to the financial statements. The grant will provide additional instructions as needed.

2. Case Service Reporting

In times of crisis, the immediate needs of victims supersede the need to adhere to the grantee's established priorities. Thus, grantees confronted by natural disasters or emergencies generally dispense with the stated priorities to respond to the most pressing needs of their clients. Depending on the extent of the disaster and the impact it has on case activities, the grantee may process a substantial

number of cases outside of its normal priorities, which could significantly alter its case service reporting data. To avoid a distorted picture when disaster cases are reported in the regular CSRs, LSC may require separate case reporting for emergency-related cases that are outside of normal priorities and/or funded with an emergency relief grant.

Dated: August 15, 2016.

**Mark Freedman,**

Senior Associate General Counsel.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education; Notice of Meeting

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

**NAME:** Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

**DATE/TIME:** September 28, 2016: 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; September 29, 2016: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Open.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dr. Stephen Meacham, Senior Staff Associate, Office of Integrative Activities/Office of the Director/National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 935N, Arlington, VA 22230 (Email: [smeacham@nsf.gov](mailto:smeacham@nsf.gov)/Telephone: (703) 292-8040).

**MINUTES:** May be obtained from <http://www.nsf.gov/geo/ere/ereweb/minutes.jsp>.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

**AGENDA:** (Tentative) Approval of minutes from past meetings. Updates on agency support for environmental research and activities. Discussion with NSF Director and Assistant Directors. Discussion of emerging research topics in environmental science, engineering and education. Updated agenda will be available at <http://www.nsf.gov/geo/ere/ereweb/minutes.jsp>.

Dated: August 16, 2016.

**Crystal Robinson,**

Committee Management Officer.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Integrative Activities; Notice of Meeting

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

**NAME:** Advisory Committee for Integrative Activities—Major Research Infrastructure (MRI) Review (#1373).

**DATES & TIMES:** September 22–23, 2016; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room II-575, Arlington, VA 22230.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Closed.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Randy Phelps, Staff Associate, Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-5049.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** To review the Major Research Infrastructure program's process, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other relevant materials.

**AGENDA:**

**September 22–23, 2016; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Closed).**

Review and evaluate the Major Research Instrumentation Program and provide assessment of program level technical and managerial matters pertaining to proposal decisions and program operations.

**REASON FOR CLOSING:** The work being reviewed and evaluated includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 16, 2016.

**Crystal Robinson,**

Committee Management Officer.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2016-176 and CP2016-255; MC2016-177 and CP2016-256; MC2016-178 and CP2016-257; MC2016-179 and CP2016-258; MC2016-180 and CP2016-259; MC2016-181 and CP2016-260]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing recent Postal Service filings for the

Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* August 22, 2016 (Comment due date applies to all Docket Nos. listed above)

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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### I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39