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This RFI is for information and planning purposes only. It should not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation on the part of the Federal Government, the Office of Management and Budget, the Chief Statistician of the United States or SSP. OMB does not intend to make any awards based on responses to this RFI or to otherwise pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the Government's use of such information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Sivinski, Statistician, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building Room 9257, 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 395-1205 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The federal government produces a wide array of statistical data that are a critical national resource. The use of these data are central to our democracy and include: Supporting constitutional duties, such as reapportionment of the House of Representatives; allocating resources to states, localities, tribes, businesses and individuals; supporting good planning at all levels of federal, state, local and tribal governments; describing our economic wellbeing; providing evidence to address critical problems facing our nation, such as opioid addiction; supporting informed public and private decision making that will create jobs and improve our infrastructure; and creating opportunities for local communities.

These statistics use well-tested and documented processes that rely on censuses, sample surveys or administrative records. However, the federal government is facing a number of challenges for these traditional methods supporting informational needs of the future. It is well documented¹ that survey response rates are declining, and costs are rising. At the same time, data users increasingly demand much more timely and granular information, such as local rather than national data. To meet the needs of the many stakeholders and policy-makers who depend on high quality, reliable federal statistical data, the statistical agencies must take advantage of new technologies and data sources to both

reduce costs and make improvements. We believe there are many opportunities to increase the efficiency of the statistical system and reduce the response burden on people and businesses.

The Chief Statistician of the United States and SSP are well aware of these issues and are seeking to change the paradigm underlying the production of these statistics. The Federal Statistical System must adopt new methods and standards to provide statistics that continue to meet the data needs of our nation for the 21st century. Given the existing environment, an important component of this transformation will be based on combining data from multiple sources to produce statistical products and information.

Important work in the area of combining data from multiple sources has been conducted; see, *e.g.* National Research Council (2017; www.nap.edu/catalog/24652/innovations-in-federal-statistics-combining-data-sources-while-protecting-privacy); the related information provided through: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/DBASSE/CNSTAT/DBASSE_170268; and references cited therein. However, much more research must be carried out before the Federal Statistical System can adopt these techniques for the production of its key statistics. The Chief Statistician is therefore seeking to set priorities and coordinate Federal Statistical System resources to focus on such a program of continued research and therefore is requesting relevant information.

Request for Public Comment

This RFI seeks to identify published works, current and planned research, and descriptions of best practices taking place in private sector firms and academic institutions related to combining data from multiple sources to produce statistical data and products. The RFI is also seeking suggestions for new areas of research that the federal government should pursue in order to adopt new methods for combining data from multiple sources to produce statistics. These include but are not limited to: Computational environments for accessing and processing multiple data sources; measurement and documentation of the quality of statistical data derived from combining multiple data sources; new techniques for harmonizing and linking multiple data sources; issues regarding privacy and disclosure avoidance, standards for describing the fitness for use of key statistics based on combined data sources; and principles for curating and disseminating these new data and

associated products. In addition, descriptions of and citations to papers or projects where data have been combined to do analyses that highlight sources of data that may be useful for government data integration, or how new data sources can be helpful in assessing how federal statistics can be better structured and presented to increase their value to the nation, are welcome. Finally, the RFI is seeking information on tested best practices related to securing partnerships across data holders and providing access to secondary users.

The Chief Statistician of the United States and SSP plan to consider this input in focusing Federal Statistical System research efforts, including the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology, on a program that informs policy and provides guidance on the Federal use of data combined from multiple sources.

Footnotes

1. National Research Council. 2013. Nonresponse in Social Science Surveys: A Research Agenda. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/18293>.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

DATES: Weeks of January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2018.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of January 15, 2018

Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste and Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Business Lines (Public Meeting); (Contact: Damaris Marcano: 301-415-7328)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of January 22, 2018—Tentative

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hearing on Construction Permit for Northwest Medical Isotopes Production Facility: Section 189a of the Atomic Energy Act Proceeding (Public Meeting); (Contact: Michael Balazik: 301-415-2856)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Thursday, January 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the New Reactors Business Line (Public Meeting); (Contact: Donna Williams: 301-415-1322).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of January 29, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 29, 2018.

Week of February 5, 2018—Tentative

Thursday, February 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. Discussion of Potential Changes to the 10 CFR 2.206 Enforcement Petition Process (Public Meeting); (Contact: Doug Broadus: 301-415-8124).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of February 12, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 12, 2018.

Week of February 19, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 19, 2018.

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The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Denise McGovern at 301-415-0681 or via email at Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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3217, or by email at Kimberly.Meyer-Chambers@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Dated: January 10, 2018.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on APR1400; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on APR1400 will hold meetings on January 24–25, 2018, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-2B1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The meetings will be open to public attendance with the exception of portions that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). The agenda for the subject meetings shall be as follows: *Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 25, 2018 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will review APR1400 design control document Chapter 4 (Reactor), Chapter 14.1 (Specific Information to be Addressed for the Initial Plant Test Program) & 14.2 (Initial Plant Test Program), Chapter 16 (Technical Specifications), and Chapter 18 (Human Factors Engineering). The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Christopher Brown (Telephone 301-415-7111 or Email: Christopher.Brown@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each

presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2017 (82 FR 46312).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the website cited above or by contacting the identified DFO.

Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. After registering with Security, please contact Ms. Kendra Freeland (Telephone 301-415-6207) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: January 8, 2018.

Mark L. Banks,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Establish a Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program

January 8, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934