

vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last six decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

*Use of the Information:* The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 50,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 11,000 new awards.

Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on merit evaluations of proposals submitted to the Foundation.

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/ project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

#### **Burden on the Public**

It has been estimated that the public expends an average of approximately 120 burden hours for each proposal submitted. Since the Foundation expects to receive approximately 50,600 proposals in FY 2019, an estimated 6,072,000 burden hours will be placed on the public.

The Foundation has based its reporting burden on the review of approximately 50,600 new proposals expected during FY 2019. It has been estimated that anywhere from one hour to 20 hours may be required to review a proposal. We have estimated that approximately 5 hours are required to review an average proposal. Each proposal receives an average of 3 reviews, resulting in approximately 759,000 hours per year.

The information collected on the reviewer background questionnaire (NSF 428A) is used by managers to maintain an automated database of reviewers for the many disciplines represented by the proposals submitted to the Foundation. Information collected on gender, race, and ethnicity is used in meeting NSF needs for data to permit response to Congressional and other queries into equity issues. These data also are used in the design,

implementation, and monitoring of NSF efforts to increase the participation of various groups in science, engineering, and education. The estimated burden for the Reviewer Background Information (NSF 428A) is estimated at 5 minutes per respondent with up to 10,000 potential new reviewers for a total of 833 hours.

The aggregate number of burden hours is estimated to be 6,831,000. The actual burden on respondents has not changed.

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Sunshine Act Meetings**

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 of a revision to an announcement of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business.

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 83 FR 43710, published on August 27, 2018.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING:** This meeting of the National Science Board has been postponed. Notice of the new time and place will be provided when it is rescheduled.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Brad Gutierrez, [bgutierrez@nsf.gov](mailto:bgutierrez@nsf.gov), 703/292-7000. Please refer to the National Science Board website for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter, and status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards**

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic

Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold meetings on October 4-6, 2018, Three White Flint North, 11601 Landsdown Street, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

### **Thursday, October 4, 2018, Conference Room 1C3 and 1C5, 11601 Landsdown Street, North Bethesda, MD 20852**

*8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)*—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Draft Rule on Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors (Open)*—The Committee will have briefings by and discussion with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the subject draft rule.

*10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Annual Operating Reactor Experience Briefing (Open)*—The Committee will have an annual briefing on operating experience and significant events at the currently operating nuclear power plants.

*1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Assessment of the Quality of Selected NRC Research Projects (Open)*—The Committee will have a discussion on the assessment of the quality of the selected NRC research projects.

*2:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Report (Open)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS report.

### **Friday, October 5, 2018, Conference Room 1C3 and 1C5, 11601 Landsdown Street, North Bethesda, MD 20852**

*8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee and Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will hear discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the Full Committee during future ACRS meetings. [NOTE: A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy]

*10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Preparation of ACRS Report (Open)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS report.

*1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Report (Open)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS report.