

- Committee Chair's Remarks
- Approval of Prior Closed Minutes
- Update on Budgets

Plenary Board

Closed session: 10:30–10:45 a.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Closed Committee Reports

Plenary Board (Executive)

Closed session: 10:45–11:15 a.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Executive Closed Minutes
- Report by Subcommittee on Honorary Awards

Committee on National Science and Engineering Policy (SEP)

Open session: 12:15–1 p.m.

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on *Indicators 2020* Thematic Reports and "The State of Science & Engineering in the U.S." (summary)
- *Indicators 2020* Rollout Plan
- Discussion of Possible Board Policy Messages from *Indicators 2020*

Plenary Board

Open Session: 1–1:30 p.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Open Committee Reports
- Vote on Merit Review Digest
- Votes on OIG Semiannual Report and NSF Management Response
- NSB Chair's Closing Remarks

Meeting Adjourns: 1:30 p.m.

MEETINGS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

9–11:30 a.m. Plenary NSB
2:30–3:30 p.m. A&F
3:30–4:45 p.m. CO

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

9–9:30 a.m. Vision TF
9:30–10 a.m. EE
10–10:15 a.m. CS
12:15–1 p.m. SEP
1–1:30 p.m. Plenary

MEETINGS THAT ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

1–2:15 p.m. A&F

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

10:15–10:30 a.m. CS
10:30–10:45 a.m. Plenary
10:45–11:15 a.m. Plenary Executive

CONTACT PERSONS FOR MORE

INFORMATION: The NSB Office contact is

Brad Gutierrez, bgutierr@nsf.gov, 703–292–7000. The NSB Public Affairs contact is Nadine Lynn, nlynn@nsf.gov, 703–292–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public meetings and public portions of meetings held in the 2nd floor boardroom will be webcast. To view these meetings, go to: <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/191119/> and follow the instructions. The public may observe public meetings held in the boardroom. The address is 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please refer to the NSB website for additional information. You will find any updated meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter, or status of meeting) at <https://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>.

The NSB provides some flexibility around meeting times. After the first meeting of each day, actual meeting start and end times will be allowed to vary by no more than 15 minutes in either direction. As an example, if a 10 meeting finishes at 10:45, the meeting scheduled to begin at 11 may begin at 10:45 instead. Similarly, the 10 meeting may be allowed to run over by as much as 15 minutes if the Chair decides the extra time is warranted. The next meeting would start no later than 11:15. Arrive at the NSB boardroom or check the webcast 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of the meeting you wish to observe.

Chris Blair,

Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. The primary purpose of this revision is to implement changes described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725–17th Street NW Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, 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).

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703–292–7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Summary of Comments on the National Science Foundation Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide and NSF's Responses

The draft NSF PAPPG was made available for review by the public on the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>. NSF received 105 responses from 25 commenters in response to the First **Federal Register**

notice published on May 29, 2019, at 84 FR 24827. All comments have been considered in the development of the proposed version. Please see <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>. A summary of the significant changes and clarifications to the PAPPG has been incorporated into the document.

Title of Collection: “National Science Foundation Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide.”

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0058.

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

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81–507) sets forth NSF’s mission and purpose:

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. . . .”

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

NSF’s core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: Promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF’s 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.

Dated: November 13, 2019.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–331; NRC–2019–0194]

NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC; Duane Arnold Energy Center

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a February 28, 2019, request from NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC. The exemption allows a certified fuel handler, in addition to a licensed senior operator, to suspend security measures in an emergency or during severe weather at the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC) after both the “Certification of Permanent Cessation of Operations” and the “Certification of Permanent Fuel Removal” have been docketed for the facility.

DATES: The exemption was issued on November 7, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2019–0194 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2019–0194. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301–287–9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the “Availability of Documents” section of this document.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.