

agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on www.regulations.gov and www.reginfo.gov.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at USDOL-Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment, in keeping with the Department of Labor's COVID-19 policy. Special health precautions may be required. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This request for collection of information addresses provisions for conducting and recording Gamma Radiation Surveys. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219-0039.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 3.

Annual Burden Hours: 6 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and

included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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Certifying Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; National Survey of College Graduates

AGENCY: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 5, 2022 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite E7400, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; 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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: 2023 National Survey of College Graduates.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0141.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: November 30, 2023.

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

Abstract: Established within the NSF by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) serves as

a central Federal clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of objective data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development for use by practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public.

The National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientists and engineers. The purpose of the NSCG is to collect data that will be used to provide national estimates on the size, composition, and activities of the science and engineering workforce and changes in their employment, education, and demographic characteristics. The NSCG has been conducted biennially since the 1970s. The 2023 NSCG sample will be selected from the 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) and the 2021 NSCG. By selecting the sample from these two sources, the 2023 NSCG will provide coverage of the college graduate population residing in the United States.

The U.S. Census Bureau, as the agency responsible for the ACS, will serve as the NSCG data collection contractor for NCSES. The survey data collection is expected to begin in February 2023 and continue for approximately seven months. Data will be collected using web and mail questionnaires, and follow-up will be conducted with nonrespondents by computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). The individual's response to the survey is voluntary. The survey will be conducted in conformance with Census Bureau statistical quality standards and, as such, the NSCG data will be afforded confidentiality protection under the applicable Census Bureau confidentiality statutes.

Use of the Information: NSF uses the information from the NSCG to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering* (<https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/women/>) and *Science and Engineering Indicators* (<https://nces.nsf.gov/indicators>), both of which are available online. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available on the internet and will be accessible through an online data tool (<https://ncesdata.nsf.gov/ids/>).

Expected Respondents: A statistical sample of approximately 166,000 individuals (106,000 returning sample members and 60,000 new sample members) will be contacted in 2023. Of

the new sample members, 5,000 will form a non-production bridge panel, intended to quantify the potential impacts of question modifications on key survey estimates. Based on recent survey cycles, NCSSES expects the overall response rate to be 65 to 75 percent.

Estimate of Burden: The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's educational history, employment status, and past response to the NSCG. The time to complete the 2021 NSCG web survey ranged from 19.6 minutes for some returning sample members to 27.3 minutes for members of the non-production bridge panel, and approximately 89% of respondents completed the web mode. Likewise, CATI interview times during the 2021 NSCG ranged from 32.5 minutes for some returning sample members to 42.2 minutes for new sample members, and about 4% of respondents completed via CATI. It was estimated that all forms of the 2021 NSCG paper questionnaire took 30 minutes to complete, and about 7% of respondents completed the paper form. Based on the 2021 cycle's survey completion times, it is estimated that it will take approximately 25 minutes, on average, to complete the 2023 NSCG questionnaire. NSF estimates that the average annual burden for the 2023 survey cycle over the course of the three-year OMB clearance period will be no more than 17,292 hours [(166,000 individuals × 75% response × 25 minutes)/3 years].

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (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.

Dated: April 8, 2022.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2022 Pay Schedules

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain Federal civilian employees effective in January 2022. The Executive order authorizes a 2.2 percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and locality pay increases costing approximately 0.5 percent of basic payroll, reflecting an overall average pay increase of 2.7 percent. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Woods, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858 or *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 22, 2021, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14061 (86 FR 73601), which implemented pay adjustments for certain Federal civilian employees in January 2022. E.O. 14061 provides an overall average pay increase of 2.7 percent for the statutory pay systems. This is consistent with the President's alternative pay plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(b) and 5304a on August 27, 2021. The pay rates in E.O. 13970 have been superseded.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O. 14061 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2022 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 14061 provides the rates for the 2022 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 2.2 percent increase from 2021. Executive Order 14061 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2022 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 14061.)

General Schedule employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2022, locality payments ranging from 16.20 percent to 42.74 percent apply to GS employees in the 54 locality pay areas. The 2022 locality pay area definitions can be found at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2022/locality-pay-area-definitions/>.

The 2022 locality pay percentages became effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January

1, 2022 (January 2, 2022). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.)

Executive Order 14061 establishes the new Executive Schedule (EX), which incorporates a 2.2 percent increase required under 5 U.S.C. 5318 (rounded to the nearest \$100). By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 14061 establishes the 2022 range of rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES is \$135,468 in 2022. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$203,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$187,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are not covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) rate range was increased by 2.2 percent (\$135,468 in 2022), which is the amount of the across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range is \$203,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$187,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are not covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems for SES members and employees in SL and ST positions must also apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$261,400 in 2022.)

Note that section 747 of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, March 15, 2022), contains a provision that continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for the Vice President and certain senior political appointees at the rates of pay and applicable limitations on payable rates of pay in effect on December 31, 2021. The section 747 pay freeze is scheduled to end on the last day of the last pay period that begins in calendar year 2022 (December 31, 2022, for those on the standard biweekly pay period cycle). Future Congressional action will determine whether the pay freeze continues beyond that date. OPM guidance on the continued pay freeze for certain senior political officials can