

Administrator deems appropriate. See 29 CFR 10.12(c)(2)(ii)–(iv).

Section 3 of Executive Order 13658 requires contractors to pay tipped employees covered by the order performing on or in connection with covered contracts an hourly cash wage of at least \$4.90, beginning on January 1, 2015, provided the employees receive sufficient tips to equal the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate under section 2 of the order when combined with the cash wage. See 79 FR 9851–52; 29 CFR 10.28(a). The order further provides that, in each succeeding year, beginning January 1, 2016, the required cash wage must increase by \$0.95 (or a lesser amount if necessary) until it reaches 70 percent of the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage. *Id.* For subsequent years, the cash wage for tipped employees will be 70 percent of the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rounded to the nearest \$0.05. *Id.* When a contractor is using a tip credit to meet a portion of its wage obligations under the Executive Order, the amount of tips received by the employee must equal at least the difference between the cash wage paid and the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage. If the employee does not receive sufficient tips, the contractor must increase the cash wage paid so that the cash wage in combination with the tips received equals the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage. *Id.*

The Executive Order 13658 minimum wage and the cash wage required for tipped employees are currently \$13.30 and \$9.30 per hour, respectively. The Department announced these rates on September 30, 2024, 89 FR 79641, and the rates took effect on January 1, 2025.

III. The 2026 Executive Order 13658 Minimum Wage Rate

Using the methodology set forth in Executive Order 13658 and summarized above, the Department must first determine the annual percentage

increase in the CPI–W (United States city average, all items, not seasonally adjusted), as published by BLS, to determine the new Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate. In calculating the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W, the Department must compare the CPI–W for the most recent year available with the CPI–W for the preceding year. The Department therefore compared the percentage change in the CPI–W between the most recent year and the prior year. The Department then increased the current Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate by the resulting annual percentage change and rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

Consistent with past practice, the Department determined the 2026 Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate by averaging the CPI–W for the first two quarters of 2025 and the last two quarters of 2024 (*i.e.*, July 2024 through June 2025). This produced an average index level of 311.293. The Department then compared that data to the average CPI–W for the preceding year—303.729—which consists of the first two quarters of 2024 and the last two quarters of 2023 (*i.e.*, July 2023 through June 2024). Based on this methodology, the Department determined that the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W was 2.490 percent $((311.293 \div 303.729) - 1)$. The Department then applied that annual percentage increase of 2.490 percent to the current Executive Order hourly minimum wage rate of \$13.30, which resulted in a wage rate of \$13.631 $((\$13.30 \times 0.02490) + \$13.30)$. Pursuant to the Executive Order, that rate must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

Accordingly, the new Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate that must generally be paid to workers performing on or in connection with covered contracts beginning May 11, 2026, is \$13.65 per hour.

IV. The 2026 Executive Order 13658 Minimum Cash Wage for Tipped Employees

As noted above, section 3 of Executive Order 13658 provides a methodology to determine the amount of the minimum hourly cash wage that must be paid to tipped employees performing on or in connection with covered contracts. Because the cash wage for tipped employees reached 70 percent of the Executive Order 13658 minimum wage beginning on January 1, 2018 (*i.e.*, \$7.25 per hour compared to \$10.35 per hour), future updates to the cash wage for tipped employees must continue to set the rate at 70 percent of the full Executive Order 13658 minimum wage. Seventy percent of the new Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate of \$13.65 is \$9.555 $(\$13.65 \times 0.70)$. Because the Executive Order provides that the rate must be rounded to the nearest \$0.05, the new minimum hourly cash wage for tipped workers performing on or in connection with covered contracts beginning May 11, 2026, is therefore \$9.55 per hour.

V. Appendix

Appendix A to this notice provides a chart of the CPI–W data published by BLS that the Department used to calculate the new Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate based on the methodology explained herein. A poster reflecting the new Executive Order 13658 minimum wage rate will be publicly available on the WHD website.

Dated: February 4, 2026.

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Appendix A: Data Used To Determine 2026 Executive Order 13658 Minimum Wage Rate.

Data Source: Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W) (United States city average, all items, not seasonally adjusted).

	Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Annual average
2023Q3 to 2024Q2	299.899	301.551	302.257	302.071	301.224	300.728	302.201	304.284	306.502	307.811	308.163	308.054	303.729
2024Q3 to 2025Q2	308.501	308.640	309.046	309.358	308.998	309.067	311.172	312.460	313.250	314.243	314.839	315.945	311.293
Annual Percentage Increase	2.490%

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub., L. 92–463, as amended), the U.S. National

Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code:
Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (13883) (Virtual).

Date and Time: March 6, 2026; 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: U.S. NSF, Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314/Virtual.

Members and the public may attend this virtual meeting via Zoom. Attendance information and a meeting registration link will be forthcoming on the AC website: <https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp>.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Louise Edwards, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, U.S. National Science Foundation, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-7597.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies. To prepare the annual report.

Agenda: To provide advice and recommendations to the NSF, NASA and DOE on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies. To prepare the annual report.

Dated: February 4, 2026.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub., L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include an assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. These meetings will primarily take place at NSF's headquarters, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with

the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF website: <https://nsf.gov/events/proposal-review-panels>.

This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8687.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Regulatory Issue Summary: Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Non-Immigrant Foreign Nationals Working at Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2026-01, "Personnel Access Authorization Requirements For Non-Immigrant Foreign Nationals Working At Nuclear Power Plants," to remind licensees of the NRC requirement that prior to granting or reinstating unescorted access (UA) or certifying unescorted access authorization (UAA) to non-immigrant foreign nationals for the purpose of performing work, licensees shall validate that the foreign national's claimed non immigration status is correct.

DATES: The RIS is available as of February 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2022-0119 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-2022-0119. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) 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 ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

This RIS is also available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/> (select "2026" and then select "2026-01").

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC published notices of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 17770 and 87 FR 35798) on March 31, 2020 and June 13, 2022, respectively. The agency received comments from seven commenters. The staff considered all comments, which resulted in the publication of the updated draft RIS on April 18, 2025 (ADAMS under Accession No. ML25083A260). Since the publication of the updated draft RIS on April 18, 2025, and a public meeting on April 28, 2025, staff received additional feedback from licensees regarding the need to address circumstances where results from the Department of Homeland Security's Systematic Alien Verification for