

industry regulated by multiple agencies? If so, how?

5. What are the biggest challenges to successful implementation of performance-based regulations in the U.S. oil and gas industry?

6. How can risk assessment best be used in performance-based regulations while still ensuring adequate levels of safety? If risk assessments are used in a performance-based regulation, should acceptable risk levels be established?

7. How have authorities that currently use performance-based regulatory models ensured effective oversight (e.g., use of metrics, audit programs)?

8. Are there limits to the use of performance-based regulatory models? For example, do performance-based regulatory models increase or decrease challenges for small businesses in comparison to prescriptive models? Are prescriptive components needed/desirable, and if so, under what situations?

III. Meeting Format

The meeting will include opening remarks, presentations by the agencies and expert speakers, time for public comments, and closing remarks. The agencies will discuss their areas of jurisdiction, regulations and standards, and efforts in the oil and gas industry. Expert speakers will discuss the topics for consideration and issues related to performance-based regulations. In the time designated for public comments, meeting attendees will have an opportunity to make comments that provide the agencies with additional information that may assist them with their future performance-based regulatory efforts.

Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 10, 2012.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Biological Sciences Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (#1110).

Date and Time: September 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; September 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

All visitors must contact the Directorate for Biological Sciences [call 703-292-8400 or send an email message to erchiang@nsf.gov] at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the N. 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance on the day of the meeting to receive a visitor's badge.

Type of Meeting: OPEN.

Contact Person: Chuck Liarakos, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 605, Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for the Directorate for Biological Sciences provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Agenda items will include the Division of Environmental Biology Committee of Visitors report, preliminary reports from the sub-committee on biological data and the sub-committee on broadening participation in the biological sciences, and other matters relevant to the Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755,

National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 23, 2012, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on August 14, 2012 to:

Robert A. Garrett—Permit No. 2013-007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Revision of Information Collection: Combined Federal Campaign; Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance to revise an information collection. Combined Federal Campaign Applications, OMB Control No. 3206-0131, which include OPM Forms 1647 A-E, are used to review the eligibility of national, international, and local charitable organizations that wish to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. The proposed revisions reflect changes in eligibility guidance from the Office of Personnel Management. On May 15, 2012, we published a 60-day notice and request for comments. We received no comments.

We estimate 20,000 responses to this information collection annually. Each form takes approximately three hours to complete. The annual estimated burden is 60,000 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the appropriate use of technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management; or send via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-6974.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Information Collection 3206-NEW; Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions (SF 85P) and Supplemental Questionnaire for Selected Positions (SF 85P-S)

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Federal Investigative Services (FIS), U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an information collection request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control No. 3206-NEW, for Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions, Standard Form 85P (SF 85P) and Supplemental Questionnaire for Selected Positions, Standard Form SF 85P-S (SF 85P-S). As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 submissions of responses.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 19, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Jasmeet K. Seehra, OMB Desk Officer or sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974; and Federal Investigative Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Lisa Loss or sent via electronic mail to FISFormsComments@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Federal Investigative Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Lisa Loss or sent via electronic mail to FISFormsComments@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that OPM submitted to OMB a request for review and clearance of the revised information collection of information, Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions, SF 85P and Supplemental Questionnaire for Selected Positions, SF 85P-S, which are housed in a system named e-QIP (Electronic Questionnaires for Investigative Processing) and are information collections completed by applicants for, or incumbents of, Federal Civilian Government positions, or positions in private entities performing work for the Government under contract. The collections are used as the basis of information for background investigations to establish that such persons are: Suitable for appointment to or retention in Federal employment in a public trust position; fit for employment or retention in Federal employment in the excepted service when the duties to be performed are equivalent in degree of trust reposed in the incumbent to a public trust position;

fit to perform work on behalf of the Federal Government pursuant to a Government contract, when the duties to be performed are equivalent in degree of trust reposed in the individual to a public trust position; or eligible for physical and logical access to federally controlled facilities or information systems, when the duties to be performed by the individual are equivalent to the duties performed by an employee in a public trust position. For applicants, the SF 85P and SF 85P-S are to be used only after a conditional offer of employment has been made. The SF 85P-S is supplemental to the SF 85P and is used only as approved by OPM, for certain positions such as those requiring carrying of a firearm.

It is estimated that the total number of respondents for the SF 85P is 112,894 annually. The electronic application includes branching questions and instructions which provide for a tailored collection from the respondent based on varying factors in the respondent's personal history. The burden on the respondent will vary depending upon how the information collected relates to the respondent's personal history. In an empirical study, the median of participant time spent completing the SF 85P was 155 minutes. Accordingly, OPM estimates that the annual burden is 141,118 hours. It is estimated that the total number of respondents for the SF 85P-S is 11,717 annually. Each SF 85P-S form takes an estimated 10 minutes to complete. Accordingly, the estimated annual burden is 1,953 hours. e-QIP (Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing) is a web-based system application that houses the SF 85P and SF 85P-S. This internet data collection tool provides faster processing time and immediate data validation to ensure accuracy of the respondent's personal information. The e-Government initiative mandates that agencies utilize e-QIP for all investigations and reinvestigations. A variable in assessing burden hours is the nature of the electronic application. The electronic application includes branching questions and instructions which provide for a tailored collection from the respondent based on varying factors in the respondent's personal history. Because the question branches, or expands for additional details, only for those persons who have indicated, by their previous answers, that a particular topic is relevant to them, the burden on the respondent is reduced when the respondent's personal history demonstrates that he or she has no pertinent information to provide regarding that line of questioning.