

Title: Generic Clearance of the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Improvement Projects.

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0174.

Abstract. Generic Clearance for the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Survey Improvement Projects. Established within the National Science Foundation 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. NCSES conducts about a dozen nationally representative surveys to obtain the data for these purposes. The Generic Clearance will be used to ensure that the highest quality data are obtained from these surveys. State of the art methodology will be used to develop, evaluate, and test questionnaires and survey concepts as well as to improve survey methodology.

This may include field or pilot tests of questions for future large-scale surveys, as needed.

Expected Respondents: The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and State, local, and Federal governments. Respondents will be either individuals or institutions, depending upon the survey under investigation. Qualitative procedures will generally be conducted in person or over the phone, but quantitative procedures may be conducted using mail, Web, email, or phone modes, depending on the topic under investigation. Up to 11,060 respondents will be contacted across all survey improvement projects. No respondent will be contacted more than twice in one year under this generic clearance. Every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be used to improve NCSES's current data collection instruments and processes and to reduce respondent burden, as well as to develop new surveys. Qualitative methods include, but are not limited to, expert review; exploratory, cognitive,

and usability interviews; focus groups; and respondent debriefings. Cognitive and usability interviews may include the use of scenarios, paraphrasing, card sorts, vignette classifications, and rating tasks. Quantitative methods include, but are not limited to, telephone surveys, behavior coding, split panel tests, and field tests.

Use of the Information: The purpose of these studies is to use the latest and most appropriate methodology to improve NCSES surveys and evaluate new data collection efforts. Methodological findings may be presented externally in technical papers at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals. Improved NCSES surveys will help policy makers in decisions on research and development funding, graduate education, and the scientific and technical workforce, as well as contributing to reduced survey costs.

Burden on the Public: NCSES estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 14,280 hours will result from activities to improve its surveys. The calculation is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1—POTENTIAL SURVEYS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS

Survey name	Number of respondents ¹	Hours
Graduate Student Survey	² 1,500	2,500
SESTAT Surveys	4,000	2,000
Early Career Doctorate Project	2,000	2,500
New and Redesigned R&D Surveys:		
Higher Education R&D	400	1,200
Government R&D	60	180
Nonprofit R&D	100	300
Business R&D	50	150
Microbusiness R&D	150	450
Survey of Scientific & Engineering Facilities	300	300
Public Understanding of S&E Surveys	200	50
Survey of Earned Doctorates	700	450
Additional surveys not specified	1,600	4,200
Total	11,060	14,280

¹ Number of respondents listed for any individual survey may represent several methodological improvement projects.

² This number refers to the science, engineering, and health-related departments within the academic institutions of the United States (not the academic institutions themselves).

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Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Physics; 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: LIGO Annual Review Site Visit at Hanford Observatory for Physics (1208).

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 9, 2013; 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Place: LIGO site at Hanford, WA.

Type of Meeting: Partially Closed.

Contact Person: Mark Coles, Director of Large Facilities, Division of Physics, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA (703) 292–4432.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide an evaluation of the project construction for implementation of the AdvLIGO project to the National Science Foundation.

Agenda:

8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Closed Panel session
 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Open—Introduction: LIGO, Advanced LIGO, the 3rd Interferometer Post-Project Operations activities, Storage Plan Overview by subsystem
 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Open—Tour
 12:30 Lunch
 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Open—Parallel discussions, if desired, and ‘drill down’, Group discussions; walk through Charge items
 15:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Closed—Session Panel writing, Closeout presentation by review panel
Reason For Closing: The proposal contains proprietary or confidential material, including technical information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 8, 2013.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Regular Board of Directors Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2013.

PLACE: 1325 G Street NW., Suite 800, Boardroom, Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erica Hall, Assistant Corporate Secretary (202) 220–2376; ehall@nw.org.

AGENDA:

I. Call To Order
 II. Approval of Minutes
 III. Budget Discussion
 IV. Financial Report
 V. DC Office Move
 VI. NCST Board
 VII. Homeownership Challenges & Opportunities Going Forward
 VIII. NC/CHC Grants
 IX. FY 12 Milestone Report & Dashboard
 X. COO Report
 XI. MHA, NFMC & EHLP Reports
 XII. Executive Session

XIII. Adjournment

Erica Hall,

Assistant Corporate Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–302; NRC–2011–0301]

Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant, Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting the request of Florida Power Corporation (the licensee), through its owner Duke Energy, to withdraw its June 15, 2011, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML112070659), application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR–72 for the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant (CR–3), located in Florida, Citrus County. The proposed amendment would have revised the facility operating license and the technical specifications to support operation at an increased core thermal power level.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2011–0301 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2011–0301. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–492–3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
- *NRC's ADAMS:* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please 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. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is

provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- *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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Siva P. Lingam, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–1564; email: siva.lingam@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC is granting the licensee's request to withdraw its June 15, 2011, application for proposed amendment to the CR–3 Facility Operating License No. DPR–72.

The proposed amendment would have increased the licensed core power level for CR–3 from 2609 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 3014 MWt. The increase in core thermal power would have been approximately 15.5 percent over the current licensed core thermal power level and was categorized as an extended power uprate.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2012 (77 FR 1743), and a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of draft environmental assessment related to the proposed amendment published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2013 (78 FR 3458). However, by letter dated February 7, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13043A027), the licensee withdrew the proposed change based on the determination to retire CR–3 due to economic disadvantages to fix the containment delamination that occurred during the steam generators replacement refueling outage. As a result, all the comments received on the above **Federal Register** notices will not be resolved and the environmental assessment will not be finalized.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 15, 2011, and the licensee's letter dated February 7, 2013, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Siva P. Lingam,

Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch II–2, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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