

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 97-5, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 or Todd Owen at (202) 219-7075. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Respiratory Protection contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on standards.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Respiratory Protection standard and its information collection is designed to provide protection for employees workplace atmosphere contamination. The standard requires employers to develop a written respiratory protection program, to inspect and certify emergency use respirators, and mark emergency use respirator storage compartments.

**II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Respiratory Protection Standard. Extension is necessary to provide continued protection to employees from the workplace atmosphere contamination.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Respiratory Protection.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0099.

*Agency Number:* Docket Number ICR 97-5.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit, Federal and State government, Local or Tribal governments.

*Total Respondents:* 130,000.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Total Responses:* 874,680.

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to mark storage compartments to 8 hours to develop a written respiratory protection program.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,166,092.

*Estimated Capital, Operation/Maintenance Burden Cost:* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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.

Dated: July 2, 1997.

**Adam M. Finkel,**

*Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.*

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**FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

July 10, 1997.

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 1997.

**PLACE:** Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**STATUS:** Closed [Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(10)].

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** It was determined by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners that the Commission consider and act upon the following in closed session:

1. *Secretary of Labor v. Peabody Coal Co.*, Docket No. KENT 93-369.

No earlier announcement of the scheduling of this meeting was possible.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFO:** Jean Ellen, (202) 653-5629/(202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

**Jean H. Ellen,**

*Chief, Docket Clerk.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

**National Endowment for the Arts Combined Arts Panel Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Local Arts Agencies Section (Creation & Presentation, Heritage & Preservation, Education & Access, and Planning & Stabilization categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on August 5-7, 1997. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 5 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 6, in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

A portion of this meeting, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on August 7, will be open to the public for a policy discussion of guidelines, planning, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium, and field needs and trends.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 6, and from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 7, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of March 31, 1997, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Submission for OMB Review: NSF Applicant Survey, OMB No. 3145-0096**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. This is the second notice for public comment, the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 18818-18819, April 17, 1997 and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to OMB for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gail A. McHenry, NSF Reports Clearance Officer, on (703) 306-1125 x2010 or send e-mail to gmchenry@nsf.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Abstract.* The current National Science Foundation Applicant Survey has been in use for 3 years. Data were collected from applicant pools to examine the racial/sexual/disability composition and to determine the source of information about NSF vacancies. Use of the information: Analysis of the applicant pools is necessary to determine if NSF's targeted recruitment efforts are reaching groups that are underrepresented in the Agency's workforce and/or to defend the Foundation's practices in discrimination cases.

2. *Expected Respondents.* NSF anticipates that about 5,000 applicants for NSF positions will complete the survey in the course of one year.

3. *Burden on the Public.* The Foundation estimates a total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of 3 minutes. It is anticipated that this will result in a total of 250 hours annually. The calculation is: 3 minutes  $\times$  5,000 = 15,000 minutes/60 = 250 hours.

**Comments Requested**

*Date:* The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) should receive written comments on or before August 14, 1997.

*Address:* Submit comments to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Please include OMB Control No. 3145-0096 in any correspondence.

*Special Areas for Review:* NSF especially requests comments on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

**Gail A. McHenry,**

*NSF Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370]

**Duke Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17 issued to the Duke Power Company (DPC or the licensee) for operation of the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The proposed amendments, requested by the licensee in a letter dated May 27, 1997, would represent a full conversion from the current Technical Specifications (TSs) to a set of TSs based on NUREG-1431, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications—Westinghouse Plants," dated April 1995. NUREG-1431 has been developed through working groups composed of both NRC staff members and industry representatives and has been endorsed by the staff as part of an industry-wide initiative to standardize and improve TSs. As part of this submittal, the licensee has applied the criteria contained in the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors (Final Policy Statement)," published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), to the current McGuire TSs, and, using NUREG-1431 as a basis, developed a proposed set of improved TSs for McGuire. The criteria in the Final Policy Statement were subsequently added to 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications," in a rule change, which was published in the **Federal Register**

on July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953) and became effective on August 18, 1995.

The licensee has categorized the proposed changes to the existing TSs into five general groupings. These groupings are characterized as administrative changes, relocated changes, more restrictive changes, less restrictive changes, and removed detail changes.

Administrative changes are those that involve restructuring, renumbering, rewording, interpretation, and complex rearranging of requirements and other changes not affecting technical content or substantially revising an operational requirement. The reformatting, renumbering, and rewording process reflects the attributes of NUREG-1431 and do not involve technical changes to the existing TSs. The proposed changes include: (a) Providing the appropriate numbers, etc., for NUREG-1431 bracketed information (information which must be supplied on a plant-specific basis, and which may change from plant to plant), (b) identifying plant-specific wording for system names, etc., and (c) changing NUREG-1431 section wording to conform to existing licensee practices. Such changes are administrative in nature and do not impact initiators of analyzed events or assumed mitigation of accident or transient events.

More restrictive changes are those involving more stringent requirements for operation of the facility or eliminate existing flexibility. These more stringent requirements do not result in operation that will alter assumptions relative to mitigation of an accident or transient event. The more restrictive requirements will not alter the operation of process variables, structures, systems and components described in the safety analyses. For each requirement in the current McGuire TSs that is more restrictive than the corresponding requirement in NUREG-1431, which the licensee proposes to retain in the improved Technical Specifications (ITSs), the licensee has provided an explanation of why they have concluded that retaining the more restrictive requirement is desirable to ensure safe operation of the facilities because of specific design features of the plant.

Less restrictive changes are those where current requirements are relaxed or eliminated, or new flexibility is provided. The more significant "less restrictive" requirements are justified on a case-by-case basis. When requirements have been shown to provide little or no safety benefit, their removal from the TSs may be appropriate. In most cases, relaxations previously granted to