

and related records, where the final decision is proposed as a permanent record.

8. Department of Energy, Office of Human Radiation Experiments (N1-434-96-7). Temporary electronic systems used by the Office of Human Radiation Experiments in carrying out its work. Included are systems used to: identify the locations of records relevant to the Office's work; identify human radiation experiments and the related scientific literature; track the status of requests for information received by the Office from the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments; and track responses to individuals who corresponded with the Department of Energy concerning human radiation experiments, including those who claimed they were exposed to radiation. (This schedule also provides for the permanent retention in electronic form of the 250,000 pages of documents accumulated by the Office concerning human radiation experiments, with related indexes).

9. Department of Health and Human Services (N1-443-97-1). National Institutes of Health committee management records, (substantive records will be preserved).

10. Department of Justice (N1-60-97-5). Witness Immunity Unit records.

11. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (N1-59-97-27). Reduction in retention period for Department's copies of asylum application files and establishment of advisory opinion letters as a separate category.

12. Bureau of Public Debt (N1-53-97-3). Savings bond operations records maintained by Federal Reserve Banks.

13. Central Intelligence Agency (N1-263-97-2). Copies of documents released under the Historical Review Program.

14. Environmental Protection Agency (N1-412-97-3). Water pollution lab evaluation system data.

15. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (N1-138-97-1). Superseded, rejected or canceled electronic tariff sheets.

16. Panama Canal Commission (N1-185-97-18). Aedes Aegypti Monquito System.

17. Panama Canal Commission (N1-185-97-19). Payroll and pay administration records.

18. Tennessee Valley Authority (N1-142-97-14). Discharge monitoring reports and background data.

19. Tennessee Valley Authority (N1-142-97-23). Waivers of posting position requests.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; Meeting

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Records Services.

DATES: September 22, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Cannon House Office Building, Legislative Resource Center Conference Room (B106).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Gillette, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, (202) 501-5350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: Update on the Task Force on Electronic Records.

Report on Status: Legislative Systems Projects (Archival Implications), Update on Declassification of Executive and Legislative Branch Records, Report of the Center for Legislative Archives, Other current issues and new business.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Mary Ann Hadyka,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Submission for OMB Review; NSF Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations

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 34315-34316 and no comment was received. NSF will forward the proposed renewal submission to OMB for clearance with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) should receive written comments by October 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submits comments to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail A. McHenry, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1125 x2010 or send e-mail to gmchenry@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Mrs. McHenry.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Abstract. NSF Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) will collect information on the science and engineering (S&E) research and development (R&D) activities of nonprofit organizations for the two most recently completed years. (On a historic note, a prior study with similar objectives was conducted in 1973.) The purposes of the study are to: (1) Develop estimates of the amounts of R&D funding provided by NPOs and the types of organizations supported; (2) develop estimates of the amount of R&D performed by NPOs; and (3) develop estimates of R&D employment in NPOs. Two different survey questionnaires will be used. R&D performers will be asked for R&D expenditures by source of funds, by field of science and engineering, by category of work (Basic, Applied, Development), by state, and amounts expended for capital improvements, and for employment. R&D funders will be asked for amount of S&E R&D they fund at various categories of R&D performers. The information is needed to update available data on the R&D activities of the nonprofit segment. The Gallup Organization will conduct the study for NSF.

Two samples will be drawn: one of NPO R&D performers and a second of NPO R&D funders. The R&D performers'

sample will be drawn from organizations filing a 990 tax return. An initial sample of roughly, 4,460 potential NPO R&D performers will be selected and sent a short screening questionnaire to establish eligibility for the main study. NPOs in this initial sample will be drawn from four strata:

1. NPOs which received Federal Funds for Science and Engineering (S&E) R&D between 1974 and 1994 based on NSF's Federal Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions (FS) survey and which were found in the 990 database.

2. NPOs in the 990 database which have National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) codes with a high likelihood of containing S&E R&D performers.

3. NPOs in the 990 database which are not in the FS or in the high likelihood NTEE codes.

4. NPOs in NSF's 1973 survey, all nonprofit-administered Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, and others to be included with certainty.

Depending on stratum, unweighted response rates of 80 to 90 percent are anticipated. Also depending on stratum, from 60 to 90 percent of the participating organizations are expected to be eligible. These approximately 2,360 organizations will be sent a main questionnaire that is expected to yield a final working sample size of about 2,100.

The R&D funders sample will be drawn from both 990PF tax returns for private foundations and 990 returns for public charities. As with the performers, a sample of potential NPO R&D funders will be selected to receive a short screening questionnaire to establish eligibility (N=700). Of these, 90 percent are expected to participate and 90 percent of these are expected to be eligible to participate. The roughly 560 eligible organizations will be sent a main questionnaire that is expected to yield a total working sample of 500.

To minimize burden on small entities and to make sure that a high proportion of the nonprofit sector's R&D funding and performance is captured, the sample will be designed with probabilities proportional to size. Thus, a large NPO has a higher probability of being selected than a small NPO has. This method is justified because large NPOs are more likely to perform R&D than small NPOs are. Size will be determined by budgets, assets, or awards.

The main questionnaires will be distributed in hardcopy and via the World Wide Web. To minimize burden, the world Wide Web questionnaires will

be computer-assisted to ease user input, provide automatic totals of numerical information and aid users in error correction. Security procedures will minimize the risk of unwanted disclosure over the Internet. Definitions of key survey terms have been made consistent with OMB Circulars A-122 and A-133 to minimize potential confusion and unnecessary effort by survey respondents.

Information being collected is not considered to be sensitive. In general, assurances of data confidentiality will not be provided to respondents to the NSF Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations. The utility of the data will be increased by allowing access to collected data. Results of pretesting and discussions with possible respondents have suggested this approach for handling confidentiality.

Use of the Information. The purpose of this study is to collect data about R&D funding and performance by nonprofit organizations. The NSF will publish a separate report of the findings and also include them in other NSF compilations such as National Patterns of R&D Resources and Science and Engineering Indicators. A public release file of collected data will be made available to researchers on the World Wide Web. The results of the survey will help policy makers in decisions on R&D funding, regulations, and reporting guidelines.

Burden on the Public. The Foundation estimates that a total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of 27,056 hours will result from the collection of information. The calculation is:

| | Hours |
|---|--------|
| 4,460 performers × 1 screening questionnaire × 12.5 minutes = | 930 |
| 2,360 performers × 1 survey questionnaire × 10.5 hours = | 24,780 |
| 700 funders × 1 screening questionnaire × 12.5 minutes = | 146 |
| 560 funders × 1 shorter questionnaire × 2 hours = | 1,120 |
| Total | 27,056 |

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Gail A. McHenry,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program; Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final policy statements.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing two final policy statements: the "Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program," and "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs."

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Documents referenced in this notice are available for inspection in the Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cardelia Maupin, Sr. Project Manager, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-2312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program

On August 25, 1993, the Commission requested the NRC staff to recommend improvements to the NRC's Agreement State Program to assure adequate protection of public health and safety. The draft Policy Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 1994 (59 FR 40058). At the Commission's request, the public comment period scheduled to end on October 4, 1994, was extended to December 19, 1994 (59 FR 52316).

A final Policy Statement was prepared based on the public comments, other activities and issues before the Commission, e.g., the "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs," issues discussed at public briefings of the Commission by the Organization of Agreement States (OAS), and the Commission's deliberations on the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program. On May 5, 1995, the NRC staff submitted to the Commission the "Final Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program" and "Procedures for Suspension and Termination of an Agreement State Program" (SECY 95-115) that contained the full analysis of