

diameter steel cable and suspended on steel posts on each side of the travelway to mark the route; and "Keep Out" signs to be posted on the boundary of the 6-foot wide escapeway every 250 feet along the travelway. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 9. North American Salt Company

[Docket No. M-97-10-M]

North American Salt Company, P.O. Box 10, Lydia, Louisiana 70569 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.15031 (location of self-rescue devices) to its Cote Blanche Underground Salt Mine (I.D. No. 16-00358) located in St. Mary County, Louisiana. The petitioner requests a variance to allow supplies of self-rescue devices to be stored underground in strategic locations and readily accessible to the miners. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 10. ZCA Mines, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-11-M]

ZCA Mines, Inc., P.O. Box 226, Hailesboro, New York 13645 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11050 (escapeways and refuges) to its Balmat Mine No. 4 (I.D. No. 30-01185) located in St. Lawrence County, New York. The petitioner requests a variance to allow the underground employees to report to the refuge chamber when one of the hoist becomes inoperable for more than one hour instead of evacuating the mine. The petitioner states that the No. 4 Mine personnel can evacuate from the hoisting facility at the No. 4 Mine and the No. 2 Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 11. North American Salt Company

[Docket No. M-97-12-M]

North American Salt Company, P.O. Box 10, Lydia, Louisiana 70569 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22603 (blasting from the surface II-A mines) to its Cote Blanche Underground Salt Mine (I.D. No. 16-00358) located in St. Mary County, Louisiana. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory standard to allow specially prepared and limited shots of a shaft segment to be taken while men are underground. The petitioner asserts that the proposed

alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before December 5, 1997. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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### INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

#### International Boundary and Water Commission Notice

**AGENCY:** Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the 14th public meeting of the BECC Board of Directors on Friday, December 5, 1997, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the Cibeles Convention Center, located at Blvd. Tomás Fernández No. 8450, in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** M.R. Ybarra, Secretary, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, telephone: (915) 534-6698; or Mr. Gonzalo Bravo, Public Participation Coordinator, Border Environment Cooperation Commission, P.O. Box 221648, El Paso, Texas 79913, telephone: (011-52-16) 29-23-95; fax: (011-52-16) 29-23-97; e-mail: becc@cocef.interjuarez.com.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, on behalf of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC), cordially invites the public to attend the 14th Public Meeting of the BECC Board of Directors, on Friday, December 5th, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Cibeles Convention Center, located at Blvd. Tomás Fernández NO. 8450, in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua.

#### Proposed Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda (Action)

2. Approval of Minutes (Action)
3. Executive Committee Report (Information)
4. Manager's Report (Information)
5. 1997 Status Report
6. Technical Assistance Program Update
7. Consideration of Projects for Certification
  - Mexicali I and II
    - Public Comments
    - Certification Consideration (Action)
  - Jonathon Rogers
    - Public Comments
    - Certification Consideration (Action)
8. Complaints Procedures (Action)
9. General Public Comments

Anyone interested in submitting written comments to the Board of Directors on any agenda item should send them to the BECC 15 days prior to the public meeting. Anyone interested in making a brief statement to the Board may do so during the public meeting.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

**M.R. Ybarra,**

*Secretary, U.S. IBWC.*

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### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

**DATE AND TIME:** November 13, 1997, 1:30 p.m., Closed Session. November 13, 1997, 2:20 p.m., Open Session. November 14, 1997, 8:30 a.m., Open Session.

**PLACE:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1225, Arlington, VA 22230.

**STATUS:** Part of this meeting will be open to the public. Part of this meeting will be closed to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

##### Thursday, November 13, 1997

*Closed Session (1:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.)*

- Minutes, August 1997 Meeting.
- Personnel.
- NSB Public Service Award.
- Awards and Agreements.

##### Thursday, November 13, 1997

*Open Session (2:20 p.m.-5:45 p.m.)*

- Minutes, August 1997.
- Minutes, October 1997.
- Closed Session Agenda Items for February 1998.
- Chairman's Report.
- Director's Report.
- Reports from Committees.

- Important Notice 91.
- NSB Report on Graduate Education.
- Science and Engineering Indicators.
- Working Paper: "Federal Funding of Scientific Research."
- NSF Recompensation Policy.

**Friday, November 14, 1997***Open Session (8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.)*

- NSF Long Range Planning Review.
- Issues for Operating in Constrained Fiscal Environments.
- NSB Occasional Paper "Publicly Funded Research."
- Other Business.
- Adjourn.

**Marta Cehelsky,***Executive Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Privacy Act of 1974: Revisions to NSF Systems of Records: New Systems**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the National Science Foundation (NSF) is providing notice of revisions to 13 existing systems and the planned creation of two new systems. These revisions to current systems are being made to include altered and new routine uses, and to more accurately reflect the records contained therein. They are reprinted in their entirety. System NSF-7, "Earnings and Tax Statement (W-2)" is being deleted. The records described therein are covered by a more comprehensive system, NSF-22, "NSF Payroll System." System NSF-41, "Dissertation Advisors File" is also being deleted. It is not longer being maintained.

The two new systems are:

NSF-65, "NSF Vendor File," covers banking information used for direct deposit as required in the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 to implement mandatory electronic payments for all obligations.

NSF-67, "Invention, Patent and Licensing Documents," covers invention disclosures, applications, and licenses submitted by NSF employees, grantees, and contractors.

In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act, NSF has provided a report on the proposed systems of records to the Director of OMB; the Chairman, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs; and the Chairman, House Committee Government Reform and Oversight.

**DATES:** Sections 552a(e)(4) and (11) of Title 5 of the U.S. Code require that the public have thirty days to comment on

the routine uses of systems of records. The new routine uses that are the subject of this notice will take effect on December 5, 1997, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public.

**COMMENTS:** Written comments should be submitted to Herman G. Fleming, NSF Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Division of Contracts, Policy and Oversight, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 485, Arlington, VA 22230.

Dated: October 31, 1997.

**Herman G. Fleming,***Privacy Act Officer.***NSF-3****SYSTEM NAME:**

Application and Account for Advance of Funds.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

National Science Foundation, Division of Financial Management, Voucher Unit, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

NSF current and former employees.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name and address, amount requested, and voucher number.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 USC, Chapter 57; 31 USC 1512; Department of the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual.

**PURPOSE(S):**

Establish and maintain Foundation records on administrative control of funds relating to requests for advance of funds.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Information from this system may be disclosed to:

1. The Department of Treasury for payment of advance of funds.
2. Another Federal agency, a court, or a party in litigation before a court or in an administrative proceeding being conducted by a Federal agency when the Government is a party to the judicial or administrative proceeding.
3. The Department of Justice, to the extent disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected, and is relevant and necessary to litigation or anticipated litigation in which one of the following is a party or has interest: (a) NSF or any of its components; (b) an NSF employee in his/her official capacity; (c) an NSF

employee in his/her individual capacity when the Department of Justice is representing or considering representing the employee; or (d) the United States, when NSF determines that litigation is likely to affect the Agency.

4. Contractors, grantees, volunteers, experts, advisors, and other individuals who perform a service to or work on or under a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other arrangement with or for the Federal government, as necessary to carry out their duties.

5. Representatives of the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration who are conducting records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:****STORAGE:**

Records are maintained electronically.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

The records are retrieved by Social Security Number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

NSF employs security guards. Building is locked during non-business hours when guard is not on duty. Room in which records are kept is locked during non-business hours. A password is needed for access to the computer system.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Destroyed four years after settlement of advance.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director Division of Financial Management, National Science Foundation, 201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

The NSF Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR part 613.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification" above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See "Notification" above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information is received from individual and his/her office.

**SYSTEM EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

**NSF-10****SYSTEM NAME:**

Employee's Payroll Jacket.