

testing and follow-up inspections of products covered within the scope of the above-listed test standards;

OSHA must be allowed access to NSF's facility and records for purposes of ascertaining continuing compliance with the terms of its recognition and to investigate as OSHA deems necessary;

If NSF has reason to doubt the efficacy of any test standard it is using under this program, it must promptly inform the test standard developing organization of this fact and provide that organization with appropriate relevant information upon which its concerns are based;

NSF must not engage in or permit others to engage in any misrepresentation of the scope or conditions of its recognition. As part of this condition, NSF agrees that it will allow no representation that it is either a recognized or an accredited Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) without clearly indicating the specific equipment or material to which this recognition is tied, or that its recognition is limited to certain products;

NSF must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership or key personnel, including details;

NSF will meet all the terms of its recognition and will always comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition;

NSF will continue to meet the requirements for recognition in all areas where it has been recognized; and

NSF will always cooperate with OSHA to assure compliance with the spirit as well as the letter of its recognition and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC this 2nd day of December, 1998.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Advisory Committee on Preservation Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the National Archives Advisory Committee on Preservation will meet Wednesday, January 13, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in lecture room B of the National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001.

The agenda for the meeting will be the Charters of Freedom re-encasement design.

This meeting will be open to the public. For further information, contact Alan Calmes at (301) 713-7403.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

**Mary Ann Hadyka,**

*NARA Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposed Data Collection: Public's Views and Comments; Title of Proposed Collection: Public Attitudes About Technology

The National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency, is interested in obtaining the public's views and attitudes toward year 2000 computer readiness.

Specifically, we are seeking input and comments from all interested persons on their views of the value of computer technology in their lives, and in their familiarity with and level of comfort when using computers and their familiarity with problems that may result from year 2000 computer conversion issues.

In an effort to obtain the public's input and useful information, the National Science Foundation has developed the questions that follow. Responses from the public will be used only in the aggregate, and only to help NSF in its efforts to better explain itself and its activities to the American public.

We hope you will provide us with your thoughts on the following questions. Detailed comments are also welcome and greatly appreciated.

Responses and comments can be mailed to Public Attitudes about Year 2000 Conversion, c/o Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1245, Arlington, VA 22230.

Comments can also be sent via email to [nstw@nsf.gov](mailto:nstw@nsf.gov), or faxed to (703) 306-1057.

All comments should be received by Monday, December 21, 1998.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

**Julia Moore,**

*Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.*

### Y2K Millennium Readiness Poll

December 9-13, 1998

1. As you may know, most computer systems around the world have to be reprogrammed so that they can accurately recognize the date once we reach the Year 2000. Do you think that computer mistakes due to the Year-2000

issue will cause major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all?

- 1 Major problems
- 2 Minor problems
- 3 No problems at all
- 4 CATASTROPHE/REALLY BIG PROBLEMS (vol.)
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

2. Do you think that computer mistakes due to the Year-2000 issue will cause major problems, minor problems or no problems at all for you personally?

- 1 Major problems
- 2 Minor problems
- 3 No problems at all
- 4 CATASTROPHE/REALLY BIG PROBLEMS (vol.)
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

3. How much have you seen or heard about the Year 2000 computer bug problem, sometimes called the Millennium Bug or the Y-2-K bug, before now—a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Nothing at all
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

The rest of the questions on this survey will deal with Year 2000 computer issue. For convenience we will refer to it throughout the survey as the "Y2K" computer bug.

4. Overall, how concerned are you about the Y2K computer bug problem—[READ 1-4]?

- 1 Very concerned
- 2 Somewhat concerned
- 3 Not too concerned
- 4 Not at all concerned
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

5. To the extent Y2K computer problems occur, how long do you think they will last—[FORM A: READ 1-4; FORM B: READ 4-1]?

- 1 For only a few days around January 1, 2000
- 2 For several weeks (or)
- 3 For several months to a year (or)
- 4 For more than a year
- 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

6. For each of the following, please say whether that is something you probably will or will not do in order to protect yourself against problems associated with the Y2K computer bug. How about... READ AND ROTATE A-F

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED
- a. Obtain special confirmation or documentation of your bank account balances, retirement funds, or other financial records
- b. Stockpile food and water

- c. Buy a generator or wood stove
- d. Withdraw all your money from the bank
- e. Withdraw and set aside a large amount of cash
- f. Avoid travelling on airplanes on or around January 1, 2000

7. Thinking about the U.S. economy, which of the following statements best describes the possible effect you think the Y2K bug will have on the economy—[FORM A: READ 1–4; FORM B: READ 4–1]?

- 1 It will cause a total economic breakdown or catastrophe
- 2 It will cause serious problems in the economy such as slowing production or creating a recession (or)
- 3 It will cause only minor problems in the economy (or)
- 4 It will have no negative impact on the economy
- 5 OTHER (vol.)
- 6 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

8. Thinking more generally about the kind of problems which could possibly be created by the Y2K computer bug, which of the following best describes how serious these problems will be in the United States—[FORM A: READ 1–4; FORM B: READ 4–1]?

- 1 Y2K will result in disasters which could cause the loss of human life
- 2 Y2K will cause economic and social disruptions, but will not be life threatening
- 3 Y2K will cause only minor disruptions and inconveniences
- 4 Y2K will have no negative impact on people's lives
- 5 OTHER (vol.)
- 6 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

9. Next I'm going to read some specific problems. As I read each one, please say whether you think it likely or unlikely to occur as a result of Y2K. First, ... Next, ... READ AND ROTATE A–H:

- 1 Likely
- 2 Unlikely
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED
- a. Air traffic control systems will fail, putting air travel in jeopardy
- b. Banking and accounting systems will fail, possibly causing errors in employee paychecks, government payments, and other automated financial transactions
- c. Food and retail distribution systems will fail, possibly causing grocery and other store shortages
- d. Household appliances such as VCR's, video cameras and air conditioning systems will fail to turn on or work properly
- e. Hospital equipment and services will fail, putting patients at risk

- f. City or county emergency "911" communication systems will fail, putting citizens at risk
- g. Passenger cars and trucks will fail to work properly, possibly causing social and economic disruption
- h. Nuclear power or defense systems could fail, causing a major accident

10. As you may know, efforts are currently underway throughout the country to upgrade computer systems in order to correct the Y2K computer problem. We'd like to know whether you are generally confident or NOT confident that each of the following levels of government and business will have upgraded their computer systems before any Y2K problems can occur. = How about... READ AND ROTATE A–G:

- 1 Yes, confident they will have upgraded
- 2 No, not confident
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED
- a. The U.S. government, including all federal offices and agencies
- b. Your state government
- c. Your local government
- d. U.S. corporations and large businesses
- e. Small U.S. businesses
- f. Foreign governments of other developed and industrialized countries
- g. Foreign governments of Third World and other less developed countries

11. Do you have a personal computer in your household, or not?

- 1 Yes continue
- 2 No skip to q. 13
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

12. If have computer in household (Q. 11 '1'): Do you, personally, use your home computer to connect to the Internet or an online service such as Prodigy or America Online?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

13. Do you use a computer at work or school?

- 1 Yes continue
- 2 No
- 3 DON'T WORK/GO TO SCHOOL skip to note before q. 15
- 4 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

14. If use computer at work or school (Q. 13 '1'): Do you, personally, use the Internet or other computer on-line service at your place of work or school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

If Q. 11 '1' continue; all others skip to Q. 17

15. Do you know for sure whether your home computer or computers are

programmed to comprehend the Year 2000 date field correctly, or are you unsure?

- 1 Yes, programmed correctly skip to q. 17
- 2 No, unsure continue
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

16. If not sure about home computer (Q. 15 '2,3'): Do you plan to take steps to make sure your computer is programmed correctly or are you going to wait and see what happens?

- 1 Yes, going to take steps
- 2 No, wait and see what happens
- 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

17. Which of the following currently applies to you—Are you READ 1–5:

- 1 Employed for pay continue
- 2 Unemployed
- 3 Retired
- 4 A Homemaker, or skip to demographics
- 5 A Student
- 6 NONE/OTHER (vol.)
- 7 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

18. Is your employer or place of business taking sufficient steps to correct any problems it might face because of Y2K problems, is it NOT taking sufficient steps, or are you unsure?

- 1 Yes, taking sufficient steps
- 2 No, not taking sufficient steps
- 3 Unsure
- 4 REFUSED

(DEMOGRAPHICS START HERE)

That completes the interview. I'd just like to ask you a few questions for background and statistical purposes only. this is the same

PLEASE RECORD AND VERIFY PHONE

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AREA CODE EXCHANGE NUMBER  
D1. CHECK RESPONDENT'S SEX:

- 1 Male=20
- 2 Female

D2. What is your age? =20

- 1 1 =20
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5
- 6 6
- 7 7
- 8 8
- 9 9

0=3D Don't know

D3. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?=09

- 1 None, or grade 1–4
- 2 Grades 5, 6 or 7=20
- 3 Grade 8

- 4 High school incomplete (Grades 9–11)  
 5 High school graduate, Grade 12  
 6 Technical, trade, or business after high school  
 7 College/university incomplete  
 8 College/university graduate or more  
 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D3a. If College grad (D3 '8') Do you have any post-graduate education beyond a 4-year bachelors degree?

- 1 Yes (includes masters degree, doctorate, law degree, etc.)  
 2 No  
 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D4. Are you, yourself of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 DON'T KNOW  
 4 REFUSED

D4a. What is your race? Are you white, African-American, or some other race?

- 01 Other (list)  
 02 (DK)  
 03 (Refused)  
 04 HOLD  
 05 HOLD  
 06 White  
 07 African-American/Black  
 08 (Hispanic)—(Continue)

D4b. (If code "08" in D4a, ask:) Do you consider yourself to be white-Hispanic, or black-Hispanic?

- 01 Other (list)  
 02 (DK)  
 03 (Refused)  
 04 HOLD  
 05 HOLD  
 06 White-Hispanic  
 07 Black-Hispanic  
 08 (Hispanic/Respondent refuses to discriminate)

D5. Is your total annual household income before taxes \$20,000 or more or is it less than \$20,000?

(IF "UNDER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$15,000?

(IF "UNDER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$10,000?

(IF "OVER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$30,000?

(IF "OVER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$50,000?

(IF "OVER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$75,000?

- 01 Less than \$10,000 05 \$30,000–49,999  
 02 \$10,000–14,999 06 \$50,000–74,999  
 03 \$15,000–19,999 07 \$75,000 and over  
 04 \$20,000–29,999 08 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D6. How important would you say religion is in your own life—extremely

important, very important, fairly important, or not very important?

- 1 Extremely important  
 2 Very important  
 3 Fairly important  
 4 Not very important  
 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D7. Next, we need to record how many different residential phone lines you have in your household—that is, the number of different phone numbers that are used by adult members of your household. Please do not count phone lines that are used primarily for business purposes, for children, or for electronic equipment—such as computers and fax machines. How many residential phone numbers are there in your household?

- 1 One  
 2 Two  
 3 Three  
 4 Four  
 5 Five or more  
 6 DON'T KNOW  
 7 REFUSED

#### Programmer Note: Collect 50 Names

D8. This completes the interview, however, Gallup is working with USA Today on this poll and they would like to talk further with a few survey participants about the topics we've discussed. So that reporters can choose from a cross-section of people, Gallup would provide them with background information which may include any or all of the answers you've given in this poll. Would you be willing to talk with a reporter at a later date?

- 1 Yes  
 2 No/(Ref)

IF YES TO BE RE-INTERVIEWED READ:

So that a reporter might reach you more easily, may I please have your name?

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–541

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by January 4, 1999. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306–1030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The applications received are as follows.

[Permit Application No. 99–017]

1. *Applicant:* Charles R. Stearns, Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, University of Wisconsin, 1225 West Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin 52706.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applicant proposes to install an Antarctic Weather Station (AWS) at Cape Bird, Ross Island. Studies of weather in the vicinity of McMurdo indicate an AWS at this location will help provide valuable data for forecasting weather in the Ross Island region. The applicant intends to install the AWS outside Antarctic Specially Protected Area #116, New College Valley, however, due to unfamiliarity with the terrain it may be necessary to place the AWS within site. The applicant also proposes to return to the site on occasion to service the AWS.

*Location:* ASPA #116—New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird, Ross Island.