

cost for all the services that we provided during fiscal year 1998 in the processing of requests for testing, evaluation, and approval of certain products for use in underground mines. From this cost, we calculated a single hourly rate to apply uniformly across all of the product approval categories during 1999.

#### Elimination of SNAP and SRA Programs

Effective September 1998, we eliminated the Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) and Stamped Revision Acceptance (SRA) programs. Under these programs, we charged only a nominal fee for the

acceptance of certain changes to approvals. All requests for acceptance of proposed changes to approved products now require only:

- (1) A letter of application describing the proposed changes, and
- (2) The new or revised drawings and specifications that document the proposed changes.

As with original requests for approval, we will charge a single hourly rate for processing all future requests for acceptance of proposed changes to approved products.

In addition, we require you (applicant) to pre-authorize the expenditure of at least \$500 for fees. If the complexity of the proposed change

requires more time to evaluate than you pre-authorized, we will prepare an estimate of the total cost and send it to you. If you agree to the additional cost, we will complete the approval process. We will bill you for the actual cost of processing your application at the conclusion of the investigation.

We will continue to administer and bill certain tests and services at a flat rate. We have listed our hourly and flat-rate fees for 1999 in the following fee schedule.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**J. Davitt McAteer,**

*Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

#### FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999

[Based on FY 1998 data]

Action title	Hourly rate	Flat rate
Fees for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of all Mining Products <sup>1</sup>	\$59	
Retesting for Approval as a Result of Post-Approval Product Audit <sup>2</sup>		
Statement of Test and Evaluation (ST&E)		\$105
Statement of Test and Evaluation (ST&E) Extension		83
Mine Wide Monitoring System (MWMS) Barrier Classification		89
30 CFR PART 15—EXPLOSIVES TESTING		
Permissibility Tests for Explosives:		
Weigh-in		\$462
Physical Exam: First size		325
Chemical Analysis		1,977
Air Gap—Minimum Product Firing Temperature		460
Air Gap—Room Temperature		352
Pendulum Friction Test		163
Detonation Rate		352
Gallery Test 7		7,436
Gallery Test 8		5,533
Toxic Gases (Large Chamber)		805
Permissibility Tests for Sheathed Explosives:		
Physical Examination		128
Chemical Analysis		1,044
Gallery Test 9		1,944
Gallery Test 10		1,944
Gallery Test 11		1,944
Gallery Test 12		1,944
Drop Test		648
Temperature Effects/Detonation		672
Toxic Gases		580

<sup>1</sup> Full approval fee consists of evaluation cost plus applicable test costs.

<sup>2</sup> Fee based upon the approval schedule in effect at the time of retest.

**Note:** When the nature of the product requires that we test and evaluate it at a location other than our premises, you must reimburse us for the traveling, subsistence, and incidental expenses of our representative in accordance with standardized government travel regulations. This reimbursement is in addition to the fees charged for evaluation and testing.

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#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection which has expired. This information collection is used in applying for grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 16, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or electronically mailed to [tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov](mailto:tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-713-6730, or fax number 301-713-6913.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* NHPRC Budget Form and Instructions.

*OMB number:* 3095-0004.

*Agency form number:* NA Form 17001.

*Type of review:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection which has expired.

*Affected public:* Nonprofit organizations and institutions, state and local government agencies, Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and individuals who apply for NHPRC grants for support of historical documentary editions, archival preservation and planning projects, and other records projects.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 174.

*Estimated time per response:* 3 hours.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion (when respondent wishes to apply for an NHPRC grant). Respondents generally submit no more than 1 application per year.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 552 hours.

*Abstract:* The information collection is prescribed by 36 CFR 1207.58. The collection is prepared by prospective grantees. The budget form is used by the NHPRC staff, reviewers, and the Commission to determine whether the

proposed project is methodologically sound and suitable for support and as a basis for determining the amount of support to be provided.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

**L. Reynolds Cahoon,**  
*Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.*

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## THE NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF MEDICARE

### Public Meeting

Establishment of the Medicare Commission include in Chapter 3, Section 4021 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 Conference Report. The Medicare Commission is charged with holding public meetings and publicizing the date, time and location in the **Federal Register**.

The National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 106, Washington, DC. Please check the Commission's web site for additional information: <http://Medicare.Commission.Gov>

Tuesday, January 5, 1999  
1:30PM

Tentative Agenda: Members of the Commission to discuss pending issues.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bipartisan Medicare Commission, ph: 202-252-3380

I hereby authorize publication of the Medicare Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**.

**Julie Hasler,**  
*Office Manager, National Bipartisan Medicare Commission.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel for Geosciences: 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:* Special Emphasis Panel for Geosciences (1756).

*Date & Time:* Tuesday, January 5, 1999, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Reeve, Section Head, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson

Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1587.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Division of Ocean Sciences Education Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in The Sunshine Act.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Workshop on Vision for Nanotechnology R&D

The National Science Foundation announces that it will hold a workshop. The workshop is open to the public. Specifics are:

*Name:* Workshop: Vision for Nanotechnology R&D in the Next Decade.

*Date and time:* Jan. 27, 1999/8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Jan. 28, 1999/8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Jan. 29, 1999/8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 375, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Contact Person:* Dr. M.C. Roco, Chair of the Interagency Working Group on Nanotechnology, National Science Foundation, Suite 525, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1371. For easier building access, individuals planning to attend should contact Nichelle Graham at 703-306-1371 or at [ngraham@nsf.gov](mailto:ngraham@nsf.gov) so that your name can be added to the building access list.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To identify goals, opportunities and policies pertaining to support for R&D in nanotechnology and related fields at NSF and other U.S. Government agencies.

*Agenda:* Discussion on issues, opportunities, and future directions for nanotechnology R&D.

Dated: December 9, 1998

**Paul J. Herer,**

*Senior Advisor for Planning and Technology Evaluation, Directorate for Engineering National Science Foundation.*

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