

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend and Revise a Current Information Collection****AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 29920 (June 3, 1999), and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (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 or other forms of information technology should be addressed 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, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

DATES: Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-306-1125 X2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 306-1125

X2017 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0062.

Proposed Project

Graduate students in science, engineering, and health fields in U.S. colleges and universities, by source and mechanism of support and by demographic characteristics. An electronic/mail survey, the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering originated in 1966 and has been conducted annually since 1972. The survey is the academic graduate enrollment component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to "provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government" as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950.

The proposed project will continue the current survey cycle for three to five years. The annual Fall surveys for 1999 through 2003 will survey the universe of approximately 725 reporting units at approximately 600 institutions offering accredited graduate programs in science, engineering, or health. The survey has provided continuity of statistics on graduate school enrollment and support for graduate students in all science & engineering (S&E) and health fields, with separate data requested on demographic characteristics (race/

ethnicity and gender by full-time and part-time enrollment status). Statistics from the survey are published in NSF's annual publication series *Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering*, in NSF publications *Science and Engineering Indicators*, *Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering*, and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

NSF proposes to revise the questionnaire in 1999 to include the Department of energy as a source of funding of graduate students and to ask for the number of first-time full-time graduate students by race/ethnicity. These changes are being proposed for purposes of planning, policy formulation, and program evaluation and to provide consistency with other NSF surveys (e.g., on R&D expenditures). Two redundant items will be deleted from the questionnaire: the number of part-time students and the number of women part-time students. In addition, the names of the race/ethnicity categories will be changed to comply with the new OMB guidelines. The new categories will be: Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; Hispanic or Latino; and White. These changes are expected to result in minimal change in burden. Overall burden is expected to be reduced from 1999 to 2003 due to expansion of the Web-based data collection.

The survey will be sent primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden, NSF instituted a Web-based survey in 1998 through which institutions can enter data directly or upload preformatted files. The Web-based survey includes a complete program for editing and trend checking and allows institutions to receive their previous year's data for comparison. Respondents will be encouraged to participate in this Web-based survey should they so wish. Traditional paper questionnaires will also be available, with editing and trend checking performed as part of the survey processing.

In Fall 1997, the survey achieved a total response rate of 98.5% for institutions and 98.3% for departments.

Estimate of Burden

Burden estimates are as follows:

	Total number of institutions	Departments	Burden hours
FY 1995	722	11,598	1.87

	Total number of institutions	Departments	Burden hours
FY 1996	722	11,592	1.95
FY 1997	723	11,597	2.23

Description of Respondents:
Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses:
11,597 (from the 1997 collection).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23,690 hours (from the 1997 collection).

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 40-9048]

International Uranium (USA) Corporation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of license application, Reno Creek In Situ Leach (ISL) Uranium Extraction Project, Campbell County, Wyoming; notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated July 22, 1999, a request from International Uranium (USA) Corporation that the NRC terminate all review activities for the Reno Creek In Situ Leach (ISL) Uranium Extraction Project in Campbell County, Wyoming. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold Lefevre, Uranium Recovery and Low Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6678. E-mail HEL@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC noticed the receipt of an Application for Licensing for the Reno Creek In Situ Leach (ISL) Uranium Extraction Project in Campbell County, Wyoming, in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 16246, April 6, 1994). A Notice for Opportunity for Hearing was also issued in that **Federal Register** Notice. The application was submitted by Energy Fuels Nuclear, Incorporated, a predecessor of International Uranium (USA) Corporation.

The NRC received a letter dated July 22, 1999, from International Uranium (USA) Corporation requesting that NRC, "immediately terminate all review work on the Reno Creek ISL Project Source Materials License Application." The NRC considers this request a withdrawal of the License Application in accordance with 10 CFR 2.107. As stated in 10 CFR 2.107(b), the withdrawal of an application does not authorize the removal of any document from the files of the Commission. If it desires to do so, International Uranium (USA) Corporation may again apply for a specific license for the Reno Creek ISL Project at some time in the future by submitting a license application in accordance with 10 CFR 40.31.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th Day of July 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John J. Surmeier,

Chief, Uranium Recovery and Low Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278]

PECO Energy Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units Nos. 2 and 3; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses and Issuance of Conforming Amendments, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the transfer of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75 for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, to the extent currently held by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), as a non-operating co-owner of Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3. The transfer would be to PSEG Nuclear, LLC. PSE&G currently owns 42.5 percent of each Peach Bottom unit. The proposed transfers do not involve any change with respect to the ownership interests held by PECO

Energy Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company. The Commission is also considering amending the licenses to reflect the proposed transfer.

According to the application for approval, PSE&G's interest in both units of the facility would be transferred to PSEG Nuclear, LLC, following approval of the proposed transfer of the licenses. PSEG Nuclear, LLC, will be a wholly owned subsidiary of the current parent of PSE&G, Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated. The transfers of the licenses will not affect PECO Energy Company's current responsibility and authority to operate the units. No physical changes to the Peach Bottom facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

The proposed amendments would replace references to PSE&G in the licenses with references to PSEG Nuclear, LLC, to reflect the proposed transfer.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the transfer of a license if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards