

Specifically the assessment seeks public comment on the questions listed below:

(1) In what capacity, if any, have you directly engaged with the NSF overseas offices (e.g. as a Principal Investigator (PI), Co-PI, postdoctoral researcher, graduate student, or undergraduate student on a research project; as an NSF employee on official travel; as a U.S. Government official on a visit to a foreign country, or in any other capacity)? Please be specific with respect to which office(s) you have interacted with, and on what basis (e.g. one time only, 2–5 times per year, etc.).

(2) What was the nature of that interaction with the overseas offices? Why did you contact them (e.g. a visit to one of the three overseas offices while abroad, to help connect with foreign researchers, to identify research opportunities in a foreign country, to help with logistical aspects of current research in a foreign country, etc.)?

(3) Was the interaction valuable to you? How would you characterize the quality of service and/or information that you received in your interactions with each office? Similarly, are there any services you would have expected to—but did not—receive from the overseas offices?

(4) Please provide examples of opportunities that were created as a result of these interactions, if any.

(5) Are there other interactions you have had with NSF on international research activities other than through NSF's 3 overseas offices?

(6) Are there ways in which NSF's overseas offices might better be able to directly serve your overseas research needs?

(7) Please use this space to address any additional concerns you would like to raise with respect to the existence and value of NSF's three overseas offices.

(8) If you believe that describing your background (e.g., U.S. or foreign resident, field or sector of employment, etc.) would help to provide context for your responses, please do so here. Your participation in responding to this RFI is completely voluntary. All responses will be included in a content analysis following the close of the response period and complete confidentiality of individual responses will be maintained. Individuals are not mandated to respond to each question. Please note that the Government will not pay for response preparation or for the use of any information contained in the response.

### Submission Instructions

All comments must be submitted electronically to: *NSF-FOREIGN-OFFICE-INFO@LISTSERV.NSF.GOV*.

Responses to this RFI will be accepted through January 18, 2013. You will receive an electronic confirmation acknowledging receipt of your response, but will not receive individualized feedback on any suggestions. No basis for claims against the U.S. Government shall arise as a result of a response to this request for information or from the Government's use of such information. Additionally, in reporting results from this call for information, respondent comments will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law and reported only in aggregate form.

Specific questions about this RFI should be directed to the following email address: *NSF-FOREIGN-OFFICE-INFO@LISTSERV.NSF.GOV*.

Dated: December 17, 2012.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

[FR Doc. 2012–30697 Filed 12–19–12; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 7555–01–P**

### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket No. NRC–2012–0184]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on September 5, 2012 (77 FR 54617).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 398, “Personal Qualification Statement—Licensee.”

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0090.

4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 398.

5. *How often the collection is required:* Upon application for an initial or upgrade operator license and every 6 years for the renewal of operator or senior operator licenses.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Facility licensees who are tasked with certifying that the applicants and renewal operators are qualified to be licensed as reactor operators and senior reactor operators.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 1,436.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 1,436.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 3,680.25.

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 398 is used to transmit detailed information required to be submitted to the NRC by a facility licensee on each applicant applying for new and upgraded licenses or license renewals to operate the controls at a nuclear reactor facility. This information is used to determine that each applicant or renewal operator seeking a license or renewal of a license is qualified to be issued a license and that the licensed operator would not be expected to cause operational errors and endanger public health and safety.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee, publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>. The document will be available on the NRC's home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by January 22, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0090), NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to [Chad\\_S\\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov) or submitted by telephone at 202–395–4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, 301–415–6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Tremaine Donnell,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.*

[FR Doc. 2012-30679 Filed 12-19-12; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 7590-01-P**

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2012-0166]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on August 17, 2012 (77 FR 49833).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC's Policy Statement on Cooperation with States at Commercial Nuclear Power Plants and Other Nuclear Production and Utilization Facilities.

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0163.

4. *The form number if applicable:* N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion, when a State wishes to observe NRC inspection or perform inspections for the NRC.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Nuclear Power Plant Licensees, Materials Security Licensees and those States interested in observing or performing inspections.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 70.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 55.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,000.

10. *Abstract:* States are involved and interested in monitoring the safety

status of nuclear power plants and radioactive materials. This involvement is, in part, in response to the States' public health and safety responsibilities and, in part, in response to their citizens' desire to become more knowledgeable about the safety of nuclear power plants and radioactive materials. States have identified NRC inspections as one possible source of knowledge for their personnel regarding plant and materials licensee activities, and the NRC, through the policy statement on Cooperation with States, has been amenable to accommodating the States' needs in this regard. Additionally, the NRC has entered into reimbursable Agreements with certain States under Section 274i of the Act, as amended, to employ their resources to conduct radioactive materials security inspections against NRC Orders.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee, publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>. The document will be available on the NRC's home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by January 22, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0163), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to [Chad\\_S\\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov), or submitted by telephone at 202-395-4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, 301-415-6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Tremaine Donnell,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.*

[FR Doc. 2012-30678 Filed 12-19-12; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 7590-01-P**

## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2013-26; Order No. 1579]

### New International Mail Contract

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to enter into an additional international mail contract. This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Table of Contents

- I. Introduction
- II. Contents of Filing
- III. Commission Action
- IV. Ordering Paragraphs

#### I. Introduction

*Notice of filing.* On December 13, 2012, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it is entering into an additional Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) 3 contract (Agreement).<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks to have the Agreement included within the GEPS 3 product on grounds of functional equivalence to a previously approved baseline agreement. *Id.* at 2.

*Background.* Customers for GEPS contracts are small- or medium-sized businesses that mail products directly to foreign destinations using Express Mail International, Priority Mail International, or both. *Id.* at 4. The Commission added GEPS 1 to the competitive product list, based on Governors' Decision No. 08-7, by operation of Order No. 86. *Id.* at 1. It later approved the addition of GEPS 3 contracts to the competitive product list

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, December 13, 2012 (Notice). The Notice was filed in accordance with 39 CFR 3015.5. *Id.* at 1.