

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, N.W. Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 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 703-292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer at 703-292-7556 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Evaluation of the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, the NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan, and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships Program.

OMB Number: 3145-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to carry out a new information collection for one year.

Abstract: "Evaluation of the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, the NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan, and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships Program."

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation (NSF), through its East Asia and Pacific Program within the Division of International Programs,

manages a suite of programs designed to encourage and provide international research experiences for American scientists and engineers with Japanese colleagues. This suite of programs includes the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships and the Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan for Ph.D.—holding scientists, and the Summer Institute in Japan and the Monbusho Summer Program for U.S. Graduate Students in Science and Engineering.

These Programs provide opportunities for improvements in cultural sensitivity and in the knowledge of foreign scientific community infrastructure. The international collaborative experiences provided through the Programs may be "catalytic" by bringing scientists from a larger global pool together in "discovery" and "connection," and by the American participants' sharing their newly-acquired knowledge, experiences and impressions with the domestic scientific community.

The purpose of the proposed program evaluation is to assess the Programs within the context of both their individually-stated objectives and the greater NSF-wide objectives. The tenth anniversary this year of the Summer Institute in Japan marks an appropriate time for a longitudinal study of program effectiveness and success, particularly with regard to the effect of an early international experience on developing research careers. The JSPS and STA Postdoctoral Fellowships and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships have a long history (more than a decade) by which their impact on both individual careers and the scientific community can be assessed.

Use of the Information: The information will be used by NSF to assess the extent to which these approaches to developing international collaborations among young and experienced US and Asian researchers are achieving the intended programmatic goals and are consistent with the specific outcome goals defined in the context of the current NSF Strategic Plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. Among NSF's outcome goals, the most relevant to its investments in developing collaborations with Asian researchers are: Promoting discoveries at and across the frontier of science and engineering; facilitating connections between discoveries and their use in service to society; developing a diverse, globally oriented workforce of scientists and engineers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: 1040.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 520 hours—1040

respondents at 1/2 hour per response.

Frequency of Responses: One time.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 122nd meeting on October 17-19, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

A. 8:30-10:45 A.M.: *Opening Statement/Planning and Procedures* (Open)—The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks. The Committee will then review items under consideration at this meeting and consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee.

B. 11:00-12:30 P.M.: *Discussion of Updated Site Suitability and License Application (LA) Task Action Plan* (TAP) (Open)—The Committee will discuss the revised LA TAP.

C. 1:30-3:00 P.M.: *West Valley License Termination Report* (Open)—The Committee will be briefed by the NRC staff on the results of its evaluation of comments and proposed final approach to West Valley decommissioning criteria.

D. 3:15-5:30 P.M.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW Reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

E. 8:30-12:00 Noon: *Corrosion Resistance of Alloy-22* (Open)—The Committee will discuss recent tests to explore the specific aspects of the corrosion resistance of Alloy-22 material.

F. 1:00-2:00 P.M.: *Entombment Option for Decommissioning Power Reactors* (Open)—The Committee will

hear a presentation from the staff on its rulemaking plan addressing the entombment option for power reactors.

G. 2:00–3:15 P.M.: *Consultant/Member Reports* (Open)—The Committee will hear comments from consultants and members on recent relevant activities.

H. 3:30–5:30 P.M.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports.

Thursday, October 19, 2000

I. 8:30–10:00 A.M.: *Part 40 LLW Source Material and Improvement of Control of Regulated Source Material* (Open)—The Committee will receive an information briefing by the NRC staff on its progress in developing a more risk-informed and coherent set of requirements for licensing source material.

J. 10:00–2:00 P.M.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports.

K. 2:00–3:00 P.M.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52352). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Howard J. Larson, ACNW, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Larson as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting

has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Howard J. Larson, ACNW (Telephone 301/415–6805), between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301/415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EDT at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988; Notice of RRB Records Used in Computer Matching

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

ACTION: Notice of Records Used in Computer Matching Programs; Notification to individuals who are beneficiaries under the Railroad Retirement Act.

SUMMARY: As required by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, RRB is issuing public notice of its use and intent to use, in ongoing computer matching programs, civil service benefit and payment information obtained from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

The purpose of this notice is to advise individuals applying for or receiving benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act of the use made by RRB of this information obtained from OPM by means of a computer match.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this publication by writing to Ms. Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the

Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. LeRoy Blommaert, Privacy Act Officer, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092, telephone number (312) 751–4548.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–503, requires a Federal agency participating in a computer matching program to publish a notice regarding the establishment of a matching program.

Name of Participating Agencies

Office of Personnel Management and Railroad Retirement Board.

Purpose of the Match

The purpose of the match is to enable the RRM to (1) Identify affected RRB annuitants who are in receipt of a Federal public pension benefit but who have not reported receipt of this benefit to the RRB and (2) receive needed Federal public pension benefit information for affected RRB annuitants more timely and accurately. Previously the RRB relied on the affected annuitant to report adjustments in the amounts of such public pension benefits.

Authority for Conducting the Match

Sections 3(a)(1), 4(a)(1) and 4(f)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act require that the RRB reduce the Railroad Retirement benefits of certain beneficiaries entitled to Railroad Retirement employee and/or spouse/widow benefits who are also entitled to a government pension based on their own noncovered earnings. This reduction is referred to as Public Service Pension offset. Section 224 of the Social Security Act provides for the reduction of disability benefits when the disabled worker is also entitled to a public disability benefit (PDB). This reduction is referred to as PDB offset. A civil service disability benefit is considered a PDB. Section 224(h)(1) requires any Federal agency to provide RRB with information in its possession that RRB may require for the purposes of making a timely determination of the amount of reduction under section 224 of the Social Security Act. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b)(3) OPM has established routine uses to disclose the subject information to RRB.

Categories of RECORDS and Individuals Covered

The records to be used in the match and the roles of the matching participants are described as follows: