

methodology, and conclusions of projects are usually appraised as permanent and are often maintained centrally by an agency component responsible for their collection, management, and distribution. Review of a cross-section of such publications can help determine the subject matter and scope of R&D projects and thereby prove useful in assessing the value of other project-related records and data.

- Project files may include such records as statements of work, progress reports, briefing papers and presentations, specifications and drawings, laboratory notebooks, research data, and environmental and safety information. (Such records also may be maintained separate from project files.) The value of project files varies across R&D programs, based on such factors as the files' organization and content, nature and scope of the research, and extent to which project work is documented in other records such as planning records and technical reports.

- Because many R&D projects have a very limited focus and project records often are voluminous, a very strong justification is needed to appraise all of an agency's project files as permanent. If selection criteria are to be applied to identify files for permanent retention, the agency must devise a practical arrangement for applying the criteria to the records and agree to implement it, because NARA lacks the expertise and resources to evaluate the files individually. For overall guidance on when to apply selection criteria, see the NARA Appraisal Policy, Appendix 1—General Appraisal Guidelines—"Is sampling an appropriate appraisal tool?" (http://www.archives.gov/records_management/initiatives/appraisal.html).

- Contracting, procurement and other fiscal records generally are appraised as temporary when readily segregable from other project records.

- Laboratory notebooks may be maintained separately and formally issued and strictly controlled to protect intellectual property and patent rights. Notebooks with these characteristics are more likely to be appraised as having long-term scientific value or permanent value.

- Research data created by R&D projects most often are electronic but also may be in another format such as paper or photographs. Electronic data generally are maintained separately from other project records. Data may be unprocessed (raw) or processed (compiled or analyzed) at different levels. Raw data are generated by an experiment, whereas processed data

consist of raw data manipulated to help identify patterns in the data. It is very difficult to generalize about the value of processed data as opposed to raw data, since they each have their own significance for the research process.

- Generated in large volumes, R&D data commonly have short-term value because they tend to be narrow in scope and frequently can be replicated by a new experiment if necessary. Data may have long-term scientific value (or, very rarely, permanent value) when they are extremely difficult or impossible to replicate and are potentially useful for such purposes as permitting an important experiment to be reviewed and validated, supporting new scientific research, or providing a legal basis for health-related claims. Data from certain fields like medicine and environmental protection are most likely to have long-term scientific value.

- For data to be valuable over the long term, they should be unique, complete, valid, and accompanied by appropriate metadata. In considering these attributes of data, appraisers should consult with the relevant scientific experts. Because of the expertise needed to perform preservation and reference, data with long-term scientific value often are most appropriately maintained by the R&D agencies which created them.

- R&D agencies, particularly those involved in environmental or health research, may create tissue samples, slides, and specimens which are treated by researchers as project records and preserved by the agency for long periods at substantial expense. Although NARA generally does not consider such materials to meet the definition of Federal records, agencies nonetheless need to manage them properly because of their importance to R&D programs and potential for long-term scientific value.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education 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: Advisory Committee for Environment Research and Education (9487).

Dates: April 13, 2005, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.,
April 14, 2005, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. David Campbell, Office of the Director, National Science Foundation, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: 703-292-8002.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

Agenda: April 13:

Welcome, Introductions and Goals of Meeting.

NSF Update on Budget and Environmental Programs.

Reports on Recent ERE Activities.

Occasional Paper on Water.

Plans for International Polar Year.

Charge to Task Groups and Task Group Membership.

AC-ERE Task Group Meetings.

ERE Distinguished Speaker.

April 14:

Task Group Reports and Discussion of Ongoing Projects.

ERE Issues for Discussion with the Deputy Director.

O/D Guidance and Meeting with Dr. J. Bordogna, Deputy Director.

Background on GEOSS Programs.

Discussion of Ongoing Projects

(continued).

Wrap-up: Review Action Items, Plans for next meeting.

Dated: March 9, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (#66).

Date/Time: April 7, 2005, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.,
April 8, 2005, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Morris L. Aizenman, Senior Science Associate, Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Room 105, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8807.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF science and education activities within the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

Agenda:

Update on current status of Directorate
 Report of Committee of Visitors on Division
 of Astronomical Sciences
 Report of Committee of Visitors on Division
 of Materials Research
 Report on MPS Theory Workshop
 Meeting of MPSAC with Divisions within
 MPS Directorate
 Discussion of Possible Future MPS Activities
 Related to Increasing Participation of
 Women in the MPS Sciences
Summary Minutes: May be obtained from
 the contact person listed above.

Dated: March 9, 2005.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC).

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

SUMMARY: The 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 current valid OMB control
number.

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

2. *The title of the information
collection:* 10 CFR Part 61—Licensing
Requirements for Land Disposal of
Radioactive Waste.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not
applicable.

4. *How often the collection is
required:* Applications for licenses are
submitted as needed. Other reports are
submitted annually and as other events
require.

5. *Who will be required or asked to
report:* Applicants for and holders of an
NRC license (to include Agreement
States) for land disposal of low-level
radioactive waste, and all generators,
collectors, and processors of low-level
waste intended for disposal at a low-
level waste facility.

6. *An estimate of the number of
responses:* 16 (12 Agreement State

responses + 4 Agreement State
recordkeepers).

7. *The estimated number of annual
respondents:* 4.

8. *An estimate of the number of hours
needed annually to complete the
requirement or request:* 5,412 hours (56
hours for reporting [approximately 4.6
hours per response] and 5,356 hours for
recordkeeping [approximately 1,339
hours per recordkeeper]).

9. *An indication of whether Section
3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not
applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Part 61 establishes the
procedures, criteria, and license terms
and conditions for the land disposal of
low-level radioactive waste. Reporting
and recordkeeping requirements are
mandatory or, in the case of application
submittals, are required to obtain a
benefit. The information collected in the
applications, reports, and records is
evaluated by the NRC to ensure that the
licensee's or applicant's physical plant,
equipment, organization, training,
experience, procedures, and plans
provide an adequate level of protection
of public health and safety, common
defense and security, and the
environment.

A copy of the final supporting
statement may be viewed free of charge
at the NRC Public Document Room, One
White Flint North, 11555 Rockville
Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD
20852. OMB clearance requests are
available at the NRC World Wide Web
site: [http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/
doc-comment/omb/index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html). The
document will be available on the NRC
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 April 13, 2005. 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. John A. Asalone, Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs
(3150-0135), NEOB-10202, Office of
Management and Budget, Washington,
DC 20503.

Comments can also be e-mailed to
John_A._Asalone@omb.eop.gov or
submitted by telephone at (202) 395-
4650.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda
Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day
of March, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information
Services.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC).

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

SUMMARY: The 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
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agency may not conduct or sponsor, and
that a person is not required to respond
to, a collection of information unless it
displays a current valid OMB control
number.

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

2. *The title of the information
collection:* 10 CFR Part 72, Licensing
Requirements for the Independent
Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-
Level Radioactive Waste.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not
applicable.

4. *How often the collection is
required:* Required reports are collected
and evaluated on a continuing basis as
events occur; submittal of reports varies
from less than one per year under some
rule sections to up to an average of
about 100 per year under other rule
sections. Applications for new licenses,
certificates of compliance (CoCs), and
amendments may be submitted at
anytime; applications for renewal of
licenses are required every 20 years for
an Independent Spent Fuel Storage
Installation (ISFSI) or Certificate of
Compliance (CoC) and every 40 years
for a Monitored Retrievable Storage
(MRS) facility.

5. *Who will be required or asked to
report:* Certificate holders of casks for
the storage of spent fuel, licensees and
applicants for a license to possess power
reactor spent fuel and other radioactive
materials associated with spent fuel
storage in an ISFSI, and the Department
of Energy for licenses to receive,
transfer, package and possess power