

periodically conducts surveys of samples of Federal employees on a variety of topics. To obtain insight into the perspectives of management and management advisors regarding Federal disciplinary processes, MSPB is requesting OMB approval to conduct surveys of two groups. All surveys will be completed within two years.

MSPB originally proposed sending surveys to (1) proposing officials for discipline, (2) deciding officials for discipline, and (3) human resources advisors on disciplinary actions. However, as discussed below, MSPB has determined that a survey for human resources advisors for this topic will not be an efficient use of resources. The surveys of proposing and deciding officials will ask respondents to share their experiences conducting suspensions of 14 days or less and removal actions, including their level of involvement in decisions made, their use of alternative discipline, the nature of the conduct that led to the action, the role of performance in conduct based actions, and the quality of related training they received. Respondents will be selected based upon disciplinary and adverse actions recorded in the Central Personnel Data File (CPDF).

The single commenter recommended that the MSPB include a survey of agency legal counselors, as these individuals interact with proposing officials, deciding officials, and human resources advisors. We agree that agency legal advisors may frequently play an important role in the process of disciplining employees. Human resources advisors also play an important role. For this reason, both the proposing and deciding official surveys will include questions regarding the respondent's interactions with human resources as well as interactions with a legal advisor when such an advisor was used. However, as the focus of this study is the experience of the proposing and deciding officials, we have determined that surveying human resources and legal advisors would not be an optimal use of resources. In past studies on similar topics, such as agencies' use of the probationary period, the MSPB has used focus groups of human resources specialists to obtain additional insight into management activities beyond that provided by the supervisors who respond to the survey. If MSPB determines it is warranted for this study, one or more focus groups of human resources specialists, attorney advisors, or both, may be utilized.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is

estimated to average 0.50 hours per respondent.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Participants will be randomly drawn from multiple agencies that conducted a large number of removal actions in the years preceding the sample being drawn. Both removal actions and suspensions of 14 days or less will be the subject of the surveys. For each personnel action, there will be two respondents (the proposing official and the deciding official).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5400.

Frequency of Response: Once for most respondents. (If a party was involved in implementing multiple disciplinary or adverse actions, there is a potential to receive more than one survey.)

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,700.

William D. Spencer,

Clerk of the Board.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

May 12, 2008.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, June 5, 2008.

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will hear oral argument in the matter of *Secretary of Labor v. Twentymile Coal Company*, Docket No. WEST 2007-892-E. (Issues include whether the Secretary properly interpreted the breathable air provisions of section 316 of the Mine Act and whether the MSHA District Manager erred in refusing to approve the operator's emergency response plan unless it provided for a refuge chamber in the main entry.)

Any person attending this oral argument who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE); 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: Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (1173).

Dates/Time: June 16, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and June 17, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation (NSF), 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Building entry badges must be obtained at the above address; the meeting will be held in Room 1235 of the National Science Foundation Building located at 4201 Wilson Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Margaret E.M. Tolber, Senior Advisor and Executive Liaison, CEOSE Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone Number: (703) 292-8040. mtolbert@nsf.gov.

Minutes: May be obtained from the Executive Liaison at the above address.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

Agenda

Monday, June 16, 2008

Welcome and Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair
Introductions

Presentations and Discussions:

- ✓ The American Community Survey
- ✓ Reports on NSF Advisory Committee Meetings by CEOSE Liaisons
- ✓ Broadening Participation in the CISE (Computer and Information Science and Engineering) Community
- ✓ Concurrent Meetings of the CEOSE *Ad Hoc* Subcommittees
- ✓ Discussion with the Director of the National Science Foundation
- ✓ Report of the CEOSE *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee on Accountability, Evaluation, and Communications
- ✓ Report of the CEOSE *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee on Broadening Participation

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair

Presentations and Discussions:

- ✓ Report of the CEOSE *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee on Strategic Planning