

governments; State, local, or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 619,430.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually; monthly; on occasion.

*Total Responses:* 19,136,576.

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response varies from 5 minutes (.08 hours) to mark a storage compartment or protective cover to 8 hours for large employers to gather and prepare information to develop a written program.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6,334,640.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$97,720,304.

## V. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5–2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 24, 2004.

**John L. Henshaw,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice; 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 69 FR 39515, 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; (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 Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, through surface mail (National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230); e-mail ([bgilansh@nsf.gov](mailto:bgilansh@nsf.gov)) or fax (703–292–9041). 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 703–292–8060.

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.

Under OMB regulations, the agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, through surface mail (National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230); e-mail ([bgilansh@nsf.gov](mailto:bgilansh@nsf.gov)) or fax (703–292–9041).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Call or write, Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230; call (703) 292–8060, or send e-mail to [bgilansh@nsf.gov](mailto:bgilansh@nsf.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Antarctic emergency response plan and environmental protection information.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145–0180.

*Abstract:* The NSF, pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*) (“ACA”) regulates certain non-governmental activities in Antarctica. The ACA was amended in 1996 by the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act. On September 7, 2001, NSF published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 46739)

implementing certain of these statutory amendments. The rule requires non-governmental Antarctic expeditions using non-U.S. flagged vessels to ensure that the vessel owner has an emergency response plan. The rule also requires persons organizing a non-governmental expedition to provide expedition members with information on their environmental protection obligations under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

*Expected Respondents.* Respondents may include non-profit organizations and small and large businesses. The majority of respondents are anticipated to be U.S. tour operators, currently estimated to number twelve.

*Burden on the Public.* The Foundation estimates that a one-time paperwork and recordkeeping burden of 40 hours or less, at a cost of \$500 to \$1400 per respondent, will result from the emergency response plan requirement contained in the rule. Presently, all respondents have been providing expedition members with a copy of the Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic (prepared and adopted at the Eighteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting as Recommendation XVIII–1). Because this Antarctic Treaty System document satisfies the environmental protection information requirements of the rule, no additional burden shall result from the environmental information requirements in the proposed rule.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

**Lawrence Rudolph,**

*General Counsel, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### NSF–NASA Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following NSF–NASA–Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee meeting (#13883):

*Date and Time:* October 26–27, 2004, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II Building, Room 555, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. G. Wayne Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–4908.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science