

industry regulated by multiple agencies? If so, how?

5. What are the biggest challenges to successful implementation of performance-based regulations in the U.S. oil and gas industry?

6. How can risk assessment best be used in performance-based regulations while still ensuring adequate levels of safety? If risk assessments are used in a performance-based regulation, should acceptable risk levels be established?

7. How have authorities that currently use performance-based regulatory models ensured effective oversight (e.g., use of metrics, audit programs)?

8. Are there limits to the use of performance-based regulatory models? For example, do performance-based regulatory models increase or decrease challenges for small businesses in comparison to prescriptive models? Are prescriptive components needed/desirable, and if so, under what situations?

III. Meeting Format

The meeting will include opening remarks, presentations by the agencies and expert speakers, time for public comments, and closing remarks. The agencies will discuss their areas of jurisdiction, regulations and standards, and efforts in the oil and gas industry. Expert speakers will discuss the topics for consideration and issues related to performance-based regulations. In the time designated for public comments, meeting attendees will have an opportunity to make comments that provide the agencies with additional information that may assist them with their future performance-based regulatory efforts.

Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 10, 2012.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Biological Sciences 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 meeting:

Name: Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (#1110).

Date and Time: September 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; September 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

All visitors must contact the Directorate for Biological Sciences [call 703-292-8400 or send an email message to erchiang@nsf.gov] at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the N. 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance on the day of the meeting to receive a visitor's badge.

Type of Meeting: OPEN.

Contact Person: Chuck Liarakos, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 605, Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for the Directorate for Biological Sciences provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Agenda items will include the Division of Environmental Biology Committee of Visitors report, preliminary reports from the sub-committee on biological data and the sub-committee on broadening participation in the biological sciences, and other matters relevant to the Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755,

National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 23, 2012, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on August 14, 2012 to:

Robert A. Garrett—Permit No. 2013-007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Revision of Information Collection: Combined Federal Campaign; Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance to revise an information collection. Combined Federal Campaign Applications, OMB Control No. 3206-0131, which include OPM Forms 1647 A-E, are used to review the eligibility of national, international, and local charitable organizations that wish to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. The proposed revisions reflect changes in eligibility guidance from the Office of Personnel Management. On May 15, 2012, we published a 60-day notice and request for comments. We received no comments.

We estimate 20,000 responses to this information collection annually. Each form takes approximately three hours to complete. The annual estimated burden is 60,000 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the appropriate use of technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.