

(ECEs). This year's Form M-1 is substantively identical to the Year 2008 Form M-1. The electronic filing option has been retained and filers are encouraged to use this method. The Year 2009 Form M-1 is due March 1, 2009, with an extension until May 3, 2009 available.

The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is committed to working together with administrators to help them comply with this filing requirement. Copies of the Form M-1 are available on the Internet at http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/forms_requests.html. In addition, after printing, copies will be available by calling the EBSA toll-free publication hotline at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272). Questions on completing the form are being directed to the EBSA help desk at (202) 693-8360. For questions regarding the electronic filing capability, contact the EBSA computer help desk at (202) 693-8600.

Statutory Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1021-1024, 1027, 1029-31, 1059, 1132, 1134, 1135, 1181-1183, 1181 note, 1185, 1185a-b, 1191, 1191a-c; Secretary of Labor's Order 6-2009, 74 FR 21524 (May 7, 2009).

Phyllis C. Borzi,

Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Notice of Charter Renewal for Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal for Humanities Panel.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), as amended, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) gives notice that it will renew the charter for the Humanities Panel for two years from December 29, 2009 to December 29, 2011. The Chairman of NEH has determined that the renewal of the Humanities Panel is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Chairman of NEH by the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, 5 U.S.C. App. 3(2) (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), as amended, and Section 10(a)(4) of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 959(a)(4), as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. McDonald, Committee

Management Officer, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 529, Washington, DC 20506. (Phone: (202) 606-8322, facsimile (202) 606-8600, or e-mail to gencounsel@neh.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the NEH's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Humanities Panel is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770). The purpose and objective of the Humanities Panel is to advise the National Council on the Humanities and the Chairman of the NEH concerning policies, programs, and procedures of NEH as requested. The Humanities Panel furthermore makes recommendations on applications for financial support submitted to NEH.

Members of the Humanities Panel are selected on the basis of their subject matter expertise in a humanities discipline or on the basis of their experience in a humanities institution, or both, in order to ensure that all applications are reviewed under the highest standards of excellence in the humanities. The NEH selects panelists from a broad range of humanities disciplines (including languages, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and the history, criticism, and theory of the arts). Panelists also are selected from a wide range of humanities institutions (including colleges, universities, archives, libraries, museums and historical societies). By statute, the Humanities Panel is also required to have broad geographic and culturally diverse representation.

Dated: December 15, 2009.

Michael P. McDonald,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this information collection.

DATES: Written comments should be received by February 26, 2010 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 292-7556, or send e-mail 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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey Improvement Projects.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0174.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2010.

Abstract. Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey Improvement Projects. The National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the most complete and accurate information possible to policy makers in Congress and throughout government and academia. NSF/SRS conducts many surveys to obtain the data for these purposes. The Generic Clearance will be used to ensure that the highest quality data are obtained from these surveys. State-of-the-art methodology will be used to develop, evaluate, and test questionnaires and survey concepts as well as to improve survey methodology. This may include field or pilot tests of questions for future large-scale surveys, as needed.

Expected Respondents. The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and State, local, and Federal governments. Respondents will be either individuals or institutions, depending upon the survey under investigation. Qualitative procedures will generally be conducted in person or over the phone, but quantitative procedures may be conducted using mail, Web, e-mail, or phone modes, depending on the topic

under investigation. Up to 16,660 respondents will be contacted across all survey improvement projects. No respondent will be contacted more than twice in one year under this generic clearance. Every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be used to improve NSF's current data collection instruments and processes and to reduce respondent burden, as well as to develop new surveys. Qualitative methods include, but are not limited to, expert review;

exploratory, cognitive, and usability interviews; focus groups; and respondent debriefings. Cognitive and usability interviews may include the use of scenarios, paraphrasing, card sorts, vignette classifications, and rating tasks. Quantitative methods include, but are not limited to, telephone surveys, behavior coding, split panel tests, and field tests.

Use of the Information. The purpose of these studies is to use the latest and most appropriate methodology to improve NSF surveys. The data will be used internally to improve NSF surveys.

Methodological findings may be presented externally in technical papers at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals. Improved NSF surveys will help policy makers in decisions on research and development funding, graduate education, and the scientific and technical workforce, as well as contributing to reduced survey costs.

Burden on the Public. NSF estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 14,950 hours will result from activities to improve its surveys. The calculation is shown in Table 1:

TABLE 1—ANTICIPATED SURVEYS TO UNDERTAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS PER SURVEY FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD

Survey name	Number of respondents ¹	Hours
Graduate Student Survey	² 1,500	2,500
SESTAT Surveys	10,000	5,000
Postdoc Project	2,000	2,500
New and Redesigned R&D Surveys.		
Higher Education R&D	400	1,200
Government R&D	60	180
Nonprofit R&D	100	300
Business R&D	50	150
Microbusiness R&D	150	450
Survey of Scientific & Engineering Facilities	300	300
Public Understanding of S&E Surveys	200	50
Survey of Earned Doctorates	700	450
Additional surveys not specified	1,200	1,200
Total	16,660	14,280

¹ Number of respondents listed for any individual survey may represent several methodological improvement projects.

² This number refers to the science, engineering, and health-related departments within the academic institutions of the United States (not the academic institutions themselves).

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 22, 2009.

Suzanne Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-26; NRC-2009-0569]

Notice of Docketing of Amendment Request for Material License SNM-2511; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Docketing of Amendment Request for Materials License SNM-2511.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Goshen, Project Manager, Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is considering an application dated April 7, 2008, from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to amend its Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-2511, under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, for the receipt, possession, storage and transfer of spent fuel, reactor-related Greater than Class C waste and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage at the Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), located at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 site in San Luis Obispo County, California. If granted, the amendment will revise the technical specifications (TS) as follows: