

a State amendment to Washington Health Standards for Emergency Washing Facilities contained in Chapter 296-62. Prior to the change, the State's compliance and consultation officers relied on WAC 296-62-130, WRD 12.35, WRD 91-13A and ANSI Z358.1-1990 to verify compliance with emergency washing facility requirements. This action replaces WISHA Regional Directive 12.35 and WISHA Regional Directive 91-13A. The main difference is the State's amendment revises the current rule by explicitly incorporating certain ANSI requirements in order to eliminate confusion and provide more specific information to the employer. The State's submission was adopted by Washington Administrative Order 98-18 on March 17, 1999, effective June 17, 1999.

The administrative orders were adopted pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2), 49.17.040, 49.17.050, Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30, Administrative Procedures Act RCW 34.04, and the State Register Act RCW 34.08.

2. Decision

OSHA has determined that the State standard amendments for Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution are as least as effective as the comparable Federal standards, as required by section 18(c)(2) of the Act. The major differences in these amendments have been in effect since November 20, 1994. During that time OSHA has received no indication of significant objection to the State's different standard either as to its effectiveness in comparison to the Federal standard or as to its conformance with the product clause requirements of section 18(c)(2) of the Act. (A different State standard applicable to a product which is distributed or used in interstate commerce must be required by compelling local conditions and not unduly burden interstate commerce.) OSHA, therefore, approves these amendments. However, the right to reconsider this approval is reserved should substantial objections be submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

OSHA has determined that the State amendments to its Construction Safety Standard (below the hook rigging) and Emergency Washing Facilities are at least as effective as the comparable Federal standards, as required by Section 18(c)(2) of the Act. OSHA has also determined that the differences between these State amendments and the Federal amendments are minor. OSHA therefore approves these amendments; however, the right to reconsider this approval is reserved

should substantial objections be submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

3. Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying

A copy of the standards supplement, along with the approved plan, may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Office of the Regional Administrator, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, Washington 98101-3212; State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries, Division of Industrial Safety and Health, 7273 Linderson Way, SW., Tumwater, Washington 98501; and the Office of State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3476, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. For electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice, contact OSHA's Web Page at <http://www.osha.gov/>.

4. Public Participation

Under 29 CFR 1953.2(c), the Assistant Secretary may prescribe alternative procedures to expedite the review process or for other good cause which may be consistent with applicable laws. The Assistant Secretary finds that good cause exists for not publishing the supplement to the Washington State Plan as a proposed change and making the Regional Administrator's approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

1. The standard amendments are as effective as the Federal standards which was promulgated in accordance with the Federal law including meeting requirements for public participation.
2. The standard amendments were adopted in accordance with the procedural requirements of State law and further public participation would be repetitious.

This decision is effective (Sec. 18, Pub. L. 91-596, 84 STAT. 6108 [29 U.S.C. 667]).

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 11th day of 2000.

Richard S. Terrill,

Regional Administrator.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 30, 2000.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35]. Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the National Endowment for the Arts' Deputy for Guidelines, Panel, & Council Operations, A.B. Spellman 202/682-5421. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call 202/682-5496 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202/395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
 - 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endowment requests the review of all of its funding application guidelines and grantee reporting requirements. This entry is issued by the Endowment and contains the following information: (1) the title of the form; (2) how often the required information must be reported; (3) who will be required or asked to

report; (4) what the form will be used for; (5) an estimate of the number of responses; (6) the average burden hours per response; (7) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the form. this entry is not subject to 44 U.S.C. 3504(h).

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts.

Title: Blanket Justification for NEA Funding Application Guidelines and Reporting Requirements FY 2001–FY 2004.

OMB Number: 3135–0112.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, state & local arts agencies, and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,805.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 22 hours (applications)/8 hours (reports).

Total Burden Hours: 120,407.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): 0.

Description: Guideline instructions and applications elicit relevant information from individuals, nonprofit organizations, and state and local arts agencies that apply for funding from the NEA. This information is necessary for the accurate, fair, and thorough consideration of competing proposals in the review process. According to OMB Circulars A–102 and A–110, recipients of federal funds are required to report on project activities and expenditures. Reporting requirements are necessary to ascertain that grant projects have been completed, and all terms and conditions fulfilled.

ADDRESSES: A.B. Spellman, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 516, Washington, DC 20506–0001, telephone 202/682–5421 (this is not a toll-free number), fax 202/682–5049.

Murray Welsh,

Director, Administrative Services, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: 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 65 FR 14320, 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 Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. 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 703–306–1125 X2017.

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.

Title: National Science Foundation Grant Proposal Guide.

OMB Control Number: 3145–0080.

Summary of Collection: The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 15.4—“Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals” prescribes policies and procedures for preparing and issuing Requests for Proposals. The FAR System has been developed in accordance with the requirement of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act of 1974, as

amended. The NSF Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1870, Sec. II. states that NSF has the authority to:

(c) Enter into contracts or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, for the carrying on, by organizations or individuals in the United States and foreign countries, including other government agencies of the United States and of foreign countries, of such scientific or engineering activities as the Foundation deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and, at the request of the Secretary of Defense, specific scientific or engineering activities in connection with matters relating to international cooperation or national security, and, when deemed appropriate by the Foundation, such contracts or other arrangements or modifications thereof, may be entered into without legal consideration, without performance or other bonds and without regard to section 5 of title 41, U.S.C.

Use of the Information: Request for Proposals (RFP) is used to competitively solicit proposals in response to NSF need for services. Impact will be on those individuals or organizations who elect to submit proposals in response to the RFP. Information gathered will be evaluated in light of NSF procurement requirements to determine who will be awarded a contract.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 558 hours per respondent will be required to complete the RFP.

Respondents: Individuals; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 75.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 41, 580 hours.

Dated: May 24, 2000.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–302]

In the Matter of Florida Power Corporation (Crystal River Unit No. 3); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Acquisition by CP&L Holdings, Inc. of Florida Progress Corporation

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Florida Power Corporation (FPC) is the majority owner and a holder of