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IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 29, 2006.

Patricia L. Dunnington,
Chief Information Officer.

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NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY COORDINATION OFFICE

Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology Subcommittee, National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Technology

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Workshop on Public Participation in Nanotechnology sponsored by the Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) through the National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO). The workshop will begin a dialogue on public engagement in nanotechnology-related issues and decisions.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 31, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All sessions of the workshop will be held at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Cate Alexander, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office. Telephone: (703) 292-4399. E-mail: calexand@nnco.nano.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nanoscale Science Engineering and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee coordinates planning, budgeting,

program implementation and review to ensure a balanced and comprehensive National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI). The NSET Subcommittee is composed of representatives from agencies participating in the NNI. The NNCO assists the NSET Subcommittee in coordinating the NNI.

The purpose of the workshop is to explore various methods of public participation and to provide feedback to the NNCO and NSET Subcommittee regarding which methods might be appropriate for public engagement in nanotechnology. Experts from the field of public participation, risk communications and science education, as well as researchers on societal implications and public perceptions will give presentations. Participants will be involved in discussions on related topics.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, up to the limit set by hotel fire codes. Participants will be able to voice their opinions in open workshop discussions. Pre-registration is required for participation. For information regarding space availability and registration, contact Cate Alexander, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office. Telephone: (703) 292-4399. E-mail: calexand@nnco.nano.gov.

E. Clayton Teague,

Director, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Meeting; Sunshine Act

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation, National Science Board and its Subdivisions.

DATE AND TIME: May 9-10, 2006.
May 9, 2006 7:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Sessions:

7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Open.
8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Open.
9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Open.
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Open.
10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Open.
11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Closed.
12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Open.
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Open.
3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Closed.
May 10, 2006 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sessions:
7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Open.
8:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Open.
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Closed.
11:45 a.m.-12 noon Open.
12 p.m.-12:15 p.m. Closed.
1 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Executive Closed.

1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Closed.
1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Open.

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

PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDANCE: All visitors must report to the NSF's visitor's desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for updated schedule. NSB Officer: Dr. Robert Webber, (703) 292-7000.

STATUS: Part of this meeting will be closed to the public. Part of this meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Open

Committee on Programs and Plans Subcommittee on Polar Issues (7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.) Room 1235.

- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
- OPP Director's report.
- IPY Planning for an Arctic Observing Network.
- USAP and Non-Native Species in Antarctica.
- Report from NSB Members on Travel to Antarctica.

Committee on Programs and Plans Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering (8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.), Room 1235.

- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
- Outcomes of Hurricane Science and Engineering Workshop at the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition on April 18, 2006.
- Future Activities of the Task Force.

Committee on Education and Human Resources Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators (9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.), Room 1235.

- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
- Chairman's Remarks.
- Continued Discussion on the Evolution of Indicators.
- Miscellaneous Topics.

Committee on Programs and Plans Task Force on International Science (10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.), Room 1235.

- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
- Update on May 11 Hearing and Roundtable Discussion.
- Discussion of Future Task Force Activities.

Committee on Audit and Oversight (10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.), Room 1235.

- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
- OIG Semiannual Report and Management Response.
- Chief Financial Officer's Update.

Committee on Education and Human Resources (12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.), Room 1235.

- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
 - Professional Science Master's Program.
 - NSF-EHR Program Evaluations.
 - Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators.
 - Update by the *ad hoc* group on "Engineering Workforce Issues and Engineering Education: What Are the Linkages?"
 - NSB items.
- Committee on Strategy and Budget (2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.), Room 1235.
- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
 - Gender Equality for Science Departments, Implications of Title IX to NSF.
 - Average Award Size, Duration, and Proposal Success Rate.
 - NSF Strategic Plan FY 2006–2011.
 - NSF Long Range Plan Overview.

Closed

- Committee on Audit and Oversight (11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.), Room 1235.
- Pending Investigations.
- Committee on Strategy and Budget (3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.), Room 1235.
- Preliminary Discussion of FY 2008 Budget.

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Open

- Committee on Programs and Plans Task Force on Transformative Research (7:45 a.m.–8:15 a.m.), Room 1235.
- Approval of March 2006 Minutes.
 - Update on TR Workshop III, National Science Foundation, May 16, 2006.
 - Outcomes of Previous TR Workshops.
- Committee on Programs and Plans (8:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.), Room 1235.
- Approval of March 2006.
 - Status Reports:
 - Task Force on Transformative Research.
 - Task Force on International Science.
 - Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering.
 - Subcommittee on Polar Issues.
 - NSB Information Items:
 - Update on Status of Planning for NSF's Role in the Renewal of the National Academic Research Fleet.
 - An MREFC Horizon Project—the Global Environment for Networking Innovations.
 - Major Research Facilities:
 - NSF Facility Plan 2006.
 - NSF Annual Major Facilities Plan Review.
 - Update on NSF's Cyberinfrastructure Vision.
- Executive Committee (11:45 a.m.–12 noon), Room 1235.

- Approval of November-December 2005 Minutes.
- Annual Report of the Executive Committee.
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members.

Closed Sessions

- Committee on Programs and Plans (10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.), Room 1235.
- Awards and Agreements.
- Executive Committee (12 noon–12:15 p.m.), Room 1235.
- Director's Items.

Plenary Sessions of the Board (1 a.m.–3 p.m.)

- Executive Closed Session (1 p.m.–1:15 p.m.), Room 1235.
- Approval of March 2006 Executive Closed Minutes.
 - Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and 2 Executive Committee Members.
- Closed Session (1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.), Room 1235.
- Approval of March 2006 Closed Session Minutes.
 - Awards and Agreements.
 - Closed Committee Reports.
- Open Session (1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.), Room 1235.
- Approval of March 2006 Open Session Minutes.
 - Resolution to Close Portions of August 2006 meeting.
 - Chairman's Report.
 - Director's Report.
 - Open Committee Reports.

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Opportunity To Comment on Model Safety Evaluation and Model License Amendment Request on Technical Specification Improvement Regarding Use of the Improved Bank Position Withdrawal Sequence for General Electric Boiling Water Reactors Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared a model license amendment request (LAR), model safety evaluation (SE), and model proposed no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) determination related to changes to Standard

Technical Specification (STS) 3.1.6, "Rod Pattern Control," and STS 3.3.2.1, "Control Rod Block Instrumentation" for NUREG–1433 and NUREG–1434. The proposed changes would revise the Bases for STS 3.1.6, "Rod Pattern Control," and STS 3.3.2.1, "Control Rod Block Instrumentation" to allow licensees to use an improved control rod bank position withdrawal sequence (BPWS) when performing a reactor shutdown. In addition, for NUREG–1434 licensees, the proposed changes would add a footnote to Table 3.3.2.1–1, "Control Rod Block Instrumentation." The requirements for implementing the improved BPWS are described in General Electric Licensing Topical Report (LTR) NEDO–33091–A, Revision 2, "Improved BPWS Control Rod Insertion Process," dated July 2004. The General Electric Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG) participants in the Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) proposed these changes to the STS in TSTF–476, Revision 0, "Improved BPWS Control Rod Insertion Process (NEDO–33091)."

The purpose of these models is to permit the NRC to efficiently process amendments to incorporate these changes into plant-specific Technical Specifications (TS) for General Electric Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs). Licensees of nuclear power reactors to which the models apply can request amendments conforming to the models. In such a request, a licensee should confirm the applicability of the model LAR, model SE and NSHC determination to its plant. The NRC staff is requesting comments on the model LAR, model SE and NSHC determination before announcing their availability for referencing in license amendment applications.

DATES: The comment period expires 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either electronically or via U.S. mail.

Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: T–6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

Hand deliver comments to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Submit comments by electronic mail to: CLIP@nrc.gov.