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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Reports Clearance Officer invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by December 30, 1998. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: National Science Foundation, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. 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 should be electronically mailed to the Internet address splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton, 703-306-1125, x 2017. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Reports Clearance Officer publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Foundation's review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. NSF invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Suzanne Plimpton at the address specified above.

Type of Review: New.

Title: Survey of 1996 and 1997 Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations; OMB Control Number 3145-0170.

Abstract: OMB clearance for the NSF Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) expired June 30, 1998. The proposed information clearance request is for an extension of the time period for the survey that is now in the field. The survey collects information on the science and engineering (S&E) research and development (R&D) activities of nonprofit organizations in 1996 and 1997. A prior study with similar objectives was conducted in 1973. The purposes of the study are to: (1) develop estimates of the amounts of R&D funding provided by NPOs and the types of organizations supported; (2) develop estimates of the amount of R&D performed by NPOs; and (3) develop estimates of R&D researchers' employment in NPOs.

Expected Respondents: Respondents are nonprofit organizations (NPOs) that funded and/or performed science and engineering research and development in 1996. It will be a mail survey with telephone follow-up as necessary.

NSF is proposing the time extension of one form (Form 1400, the screening survey); the change in format of one form (Form 1402, the Funders survey form); and the reduction in the number of questions in one form (Form 1401, the Performers survey form).

As the table below shows, 2,432 respondents will be asked to complete the qualifying screening survey Form 1400. If they are eligible to participate in the survey, they will also receive either a Form 1401 Performer survey or a Form 1402 Funder survey. Some NPOs have already responded to the Form 1400 (screener) and the 705 eligible organizations will be sent either a Form 1401 or 1402.

Since the answers on the Form 1400 (screener) will determine whether newly contacted organizations will receive the Performer or Funder survey form, we are estimating the number that will be eligible based on the percentage of NPOs that reported themselves eligible in the March 31, 1998 screener mailing. The estimate for the Funders Form 1402 is 245 organizations; the estimate for the Performers Form 1401 is 815 organizations. These figures include both the NPOs that we estimate will be eligible in the next screener mailing and the NPOs that responded after June 30, 1998 to the March 31, 1998 screener (606 Performers 99 Funders).

Additional Information: NSF is requesting emergency clearance for the Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations due to unanticipated poor response to the mailings in March 1998 and June 1998. The universe of possible R&D funders and performers is much larger than we first anticipated. Our initial screening mail-out went to 8,771 organizations; 316 additional funders were selected in the sample but accidentally left off the mailing list. Many of the 5,548 NPOs that we have successfully contacted have either not been involved in R&D or have not met the minimum \$250,000 requirement. We used more time than expected locating and contacting small organizations, which often are transient or short-lived. Our plan to use the Employer Identification Number as a unique key to nonprofit organizations was flawed. Many NPOs had more than one EIN and we were unable to determine by EIN codes whether research institutes were independent and in-scope, or part of universities and out-of-scope. We also experienced technical problems. Performers complained about the length of time needed to complete the survey so we have scaled it down substantially. Slowness of the Website also

discouraged some would-be respondents.

Need for data. Failure to continue and complete this survey will result in the U.S. Government continuing to use 1973 data in estimating the nonprofit sector's R&D and the national totals of R&D funding and performance. A complete accurate description of R&D funding and performance is necessary for policymakers for planning, reporting, and tax purposes. Considerable work in drawing the sample has already been completed and \$546,000 has been spent. The most efficient and cost effective way for the U.S. Government to obtain the needed data is to complete this survey. Therefore, we are asking that emergency clearance be granted by December 30, 1998 so that we can mail out the survey forms, complete the survey and publish the report in a timely manner.

Burden on the Public. The Foundation estimates that a total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of 3,441 hours will result from the collection of information. The calculation is:

2,432 NPOs (1,030 Funders+1,402 Performers)×1 screening survey Form 1400×12.5 minutes=506 hours
815 Performers×1 revised Form 1401×3 hours=2,445 hours
245 Funders×1 reformatted Form 1402×2 hours=490 hours
Total=3,441 hours

Frequency: One-time survey; second form only to eligible Not-for-profit institutions.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

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Reports Clearance Officer,
National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-648]

Umetco Minerals Corp.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of License Amendment Application; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been asked to amend NRC Source Material License SUA-648 to authorize the licensee, Umetco Minerals Corporation (Umetco),

to reclaim the A-9 Repository, located in Natrona County, Wyoming, according to the 1987 Reclamation Plan, as amended by the submittal dated October 27, 1998. This license currently authorizes Umetco to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer uranium at the Umetco East Gas Hills site, which is located approximately 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of the town of Riverton, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elaine Brummett, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7-J9, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Umetco Mineral Corporation (Umetco) site is licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under Materials License SUA-648 to possess byproduct material in the form of uranium waste tailings, as well as other radioactive wastes generated by past milling operations. The mill has been dismantled and the A-9 Repository contains uranium mills tailings and mill debris. This former mine pit currently has an interim soil cover. The previously approved 1987 reclamation plan for the A-9 Repository calls for the final cover to be composited of 1 foot of clay, 1 foot of filter material, and 7.5 feet of overburden soil, with the top of the cover seeded. Umetco submitted a design enhancement for the A-9 Repository by letter dated October 27, 1998. The changes to the 1987 design are: (1) Replace the vegetated cover surface with rip rap to improve the erosion protection aspects of the cover; (2) reclamation of the adjacent North and South Evaporation Ponds by placing their clay liners into the A-9 Repository; and (3) reclamation of the C-18 Mine Pit with backfill. The design also includes the final site grading plan.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a licensing action falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operators Licensing Proceedings," of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders in 10 CFR part 2 (54 FR 8269). Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing. In accordance with § 2.1205(c), a request

for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

(1) By delivery to the Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The applicant, Umetco Mineral Corporation, PO 1029, Grand Junction, CO 81502;

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director of Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(3) By mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Joseph J. Holonich,

Chief Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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