

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All members of the public or the media who plan to attend the meeting are requested to contact Mr. Craig Steven at the Commission in advance. Mr. Stevens will instruct individuals on the process by which attendees may enter the GAO's secured building. The meeting agenda will include normal meeting business and an ongoing review of Commission research on economic and social gambling impacts and recommendations for the final report. In addition, the Commission will hear from one or more subcommittees on possible findings and recommendations. Individual subcommittee meetings will be held March 17–19. For more information on individual subcommittee meetings, please contact Mr. Craig Stevens at the Commission for meeting times and locations.

Tim Bidwill,

Special Assistant to the Chairman.

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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: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 44937 (August 21, 1998) 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.

DATES: 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; 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725–17th Street, N.W. Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 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 x 2017.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 306–1125 x 2017 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Colleges and Universities (Follow-Up Survey).

OMB Control Number: 3145–0101.

Use of the Information: The 1998 Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities at Universities and Colleges conducted by NSF collected data on the status of academic science and engineering (S&E) research facilities. The proposed Follow-Up Survey will collect additional information to supplement the original survey data, increasing its usefulness to Federal agencies and policymakers. Total research construction costs will be identified by project and broken down into particular space designation measurements, which will allow OMB to establish more accurate and effective benchmark rates for consideration during the internal review of academic research facilities. The purpose of the Follow-Up Survey is to gather project costs, research space costs, and gross and net assignable square feet (NASF) for buildings with a research component which have total project costs that exceed \$25 million. Buildings that are

eligible to be included in the survey were constructed in U.S. research-performing colleges and universities during fiscal years 1996 and 1997, based on the data collected by NSF in the 1998 Survey of Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Universities and Colleges. The original NSF study was implemented to gather data about the status of academic S&E research facilities for Federal policymakers to use in policy decision-making. OMB's stated intention in implementing the internal review process for academic research institutions is to improve accountability of institutions regarding the federal funds allocated for use in building construction and improvement. The Follow-Up Survey, by focusing on costs segmented by project, requiring exact space designations, taking into account any specialized project features, and thereby improving the precision of analysis of large research facility costs, will mitigate concerns about the usefulness of the averaged benchmark rates determined by the initial study. The increased accuracy of these data will allow Federal policymakers, planners, and budget analysts, as well as academic officials and state agencies, to make more exact and, as a result, more valid judgments concerning the reasonableness of facility costs.

Expected Respondents: The initial basis for the sample will be those 70 institutions that reported any new construction of research space during fiscal years 1996 and 1997. Data will be collected using pencil-and-paper methodology. A brief screening survey will precede the main study questionnaire in order to determine eligibility for inclusion in the main study. The screener surveys will be sent to the coordinators designated for the 1998 Survey of Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Universities and Colleges. Each qualifying institution will be given the opportunity to designate a coordinator to manage their data collection.

Burden on the Public: Based on the fact that the proposed survey questions involve data that are readily available to the respondents, combined with the overall brevity of the questionnaire, we do not believe that the survey will represent a significant burden on the respondents. Indeed, the information collected may be of benefit to the respondents with improved accuracy in building cost estimates. The screener survey will be sent by e-mail to 70 institutions. The completion time per academic institution is expected to average 30 minutes. Assuming a 90% response rate on the screener survey, the

estimated burden would be 31.5 hours for academic institutions.

The Follow-Up Survey will be sent by mail to the qualifying institutions, of which there is expected to be approximately 42. The completion time per academic institution is expected to average 1.5 hours. Assuming a 90% response rate, the estimated burden would be 56.7 hours for academic institutions, for a total of 88.2 hours. The information burden for any particular institution will be affected by two major factors—the number of buildings recently constructed and costing \$25 million or more, and the quality of the institutions' records systems.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR Part 36—Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators

3. How often the collection is required: There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a license. Once a specific license has been issued, there is a 10-year resubmittal of the information for renewal of the license. In addition, recordkeeping must be performed on an on-going basis, and reports of accidents and other abnormal events must be reported on an as-necessary basis.

4. Who will be required or asked to report: Irradiators licensed by NRC or an Agreement State.

5. The number of annual respondents: 32 NRC licensees and 64 Agreement State licensees.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 44,768 (approximately 466 per licensee).

7. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

8. Abstract: 10 CFR Part 36 contains requirements for the issuance of a license authorizing the use of sealed sources containing radioactive materials in irradiators used to irradiate objects or materials for a variety of purposes in research, industry, and other fields. The subparts cover specific requirements for obtaining a license or license exemption; design and performance criteria for irradiators; and radiation safety requirements for operating irradiators, including requirements for operator training, written operating and emergency procedures, personnel monitoring, radiation surveys, inspection, and maintenance. Part 36 also contains the recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are necessary to ensure that the irradiator is being safely operated so that it poses no danger to the health and safety of the general public and the irradiator employees.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 12, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0135), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of March, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-3453-MLA-4; ASLBP No. 99-763-05-MLA]

Atlas Corporation; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and Sections 2.1201 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

Atlas Corporation, Moab, Utah

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a petition for leave to intervene submitted by Sarah M. Fields. Ms. Fields is requesting a hearing in response to the issuance of a notice of receipt of a license amendment request of the Atlas Corporation. The proposed amendment would modify License Condition 55 B.(2) by changing the completion date for ground-water corrective actions to meet performance objectives specified in the ground-water corrective action plan. The proposed completion date under the amendment would be July 31, 2006. The notice of the proposed amendment request was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 Fed. Reg. 2919 (Jan. 19, 1999).

The Presiding Officer designated for this proceeding is Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bechhoefer and Judge Shon in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 2.1203. Their addresses are: