

individual's rights to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the programs, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on July 6, 1999.

Raymond Bramucci,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend Without Revision, a Current Information Collection

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 64 FR 18639 (April 15, 1999), 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; 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, 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.

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.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before August 16, 1999. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-306-1125 X 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

ADDITIONAL CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 306-1125 X 2017; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Fellowship Applications and Award Forms.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0023.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend without revision, an information collection for three years.

Abstract: Section 10 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*), as amended, states that "The Foundation is authorized to award, within the limits of funds made available * * * scholarships and graduate fellowships for scientific study or scientific work in the mathematical physical, medical, biological, engineering, social, and other sciences at appropriate nonprofit American or nonprofit foreign institutions selected by the recipient of such aid, for stated periods of time."

The Foundation Fellowship Programs are designed to meet the following objectives:

- To assure that some of the Nation's most talented students in the sciences obtain the education necessary to become creative and productive scientific researchers.
- To train or upgrade advanced scientific personnel to enhance their abilities as teachers and researchers.
- To promote graduate education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering at institutions that have traditionally served ethnic minorities.
- To encourage pursuit of advanced science degrees by students who are

members of ethnic groups traditionally under-represented in the Nation's advanced science personnel pool.

The list of fellowship award programs sponsored by the Foundation includes, but may not be limited to, the following:

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowships Including Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science Awards (NSF 98-143).
 - NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowships in Science and Engineering Including Special Fellowship Opportunities for Visiting Scientists from NATO Partner Countries (NSF 98-149).
 - NSF Postdoctoral Fellowships in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology Education (NSF 99-17).
 - Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships and Supporting Activities (NSF 94-133).
 - Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics (NSF 98-162—electronic dissemination only).
 - International Research Fellow Awards.
 - Mid-Career Methodological Opportunities (NSF 99-33—electronic dissemination only).
 - Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (w/Research Instructorship option).
 - Mathematical Sciences University/Industry Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.
 - Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctorals Awards for U.S. Researchers.
 - Science and Technology Agency of Japan Postdoctoral Awards for U.S. Researchers.
 - Ridge Interdisciplinary Global Experiments Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.
 - CISE Postdoctoral Research Associates in Experimental Computer Science (NSF 97-169).
 - NSF Earth Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.
- Estimate of Burden:* These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the fellowship program. Public burden may also vary according to program, however it is estimated that each submission is averaged to be 12 hours per respondent.
- Respondents:* Individuals.
- Estimated Number of Responses:* 13,000.
- Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 156,000 hours.
- Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development, Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-473, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development (5270).

Date/Time: July 19 (3:00-5:00 pm) July 20-Public Hearing (8:00 am-5:00 pm) and July 21, 1999 (8:30-11:30 am).

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

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Kay Rison, Executive Secretary, CAWMSET, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230. Phone (703) 306-1004.

Minutes: May be obtained from the Executive Secretary at the above address.

Purpose of Meeting: CAWSET was established by Congress on October 14, 1998 to research and recommend ways to improved the recruitment, retention, and representation of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities in science, engineering and technology education and employment. The Public Hearing will serve to inform the Commission of best practices for recruiting, developing, utilizing, promoting, and retaining women, members of racial and ethnic minority groups traditionally underrepresented in the SET enterprise, and persons with disabilities.

Agenda

Monday, July 19

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Preparation for Public Hearing

Tuesday, July 20—Public Hearing

8:00 a.m.

Welcome—Rita R. Colwell, Director, National Science Foundation

8:00 a.m.

Keynote speaker: Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy "Women in Science and Technology: The President's Interagency Council on Women"

9:00 a.m.

Panel 1: SET Recruitment and Hiring Initiatives

10:00 a.m.

Panel 2: SET Education and Career Development

11:00 a.m.

Public Comment

12:35 p.m.

Keynote speaker: Kenneth J. Disken, Vice President, Human Resources, Electronics Sector, Lockheed Martin Corporation

1:50 p.m.

Panel 3: Utilization of SET Students and Professionals

2:50 p.m.

Panel 4: Advancement of Individuals in Science, Engineering, and Technology

4:00 p.m.

Topic 5: Retention Initiatives in SET Education and Employment

5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Wednesday, July 21

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Follow up for Public Hearing

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN 50-529 and STN 50-530]

Arizona Public Service Company, (Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3); Exemption

I

Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74, which authorize operation of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

These facilities consist of three pressurized water reactors located at the licensee's site in Maricopa County, Arizona.

II

Section 50.71 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Maintenance of records, making of reports," paragraph (e)(4) states, in part, that "Subsequent revisions [to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR)] must be filed annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates [to the FSAR] does not exceed 24 months." The three Palo Verde units share a common UFSAR; therefore, this rule requires the licensee to update the same document annually or within 6 months after a refueling outage for each unit.

III

Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR, "Specific exemptions," states that

The Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part, which are:

(1) Authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security.

(2) The Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present.

Section 50.12(a)(2)(ii) of 10 CFR states that special circumstances are present when "Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule...." The underlying purpose of the rule was to relieve licensees of the burden of filing annual FSAR revisions while assuring that such revisions are made at least every 24 months. The Commission reduced the burden, in part, by permitting a licensee to submit its FSAR revisions 6 months after refueling outages for its facility; but the rule did not provide for multiple unit facilities sharing a common FSAR. Rather, the Commission stated that "With respect to...multiple facilities sharing a common FSAR, licensees will have maximum flexibility for scheduling updates on a case by case basis" (57 FR 39355 (1992)).

By letter dated June 9, 1998, as supplemented December 21, 1998, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) to allow revisions to the UFSAR, changes to the quality assurance program made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3), and reports of changes, tests, and experiments made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59(b)(2) to be submitted to the Commission on a 24-month periodicity.

As noted in the staff's safety evaluation, the licensee's proposed schedule for UFSAR updates will ensure that the Palo Verde UFSAR and quality assurance program will be maintained current within 24 months of the last revision and the interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report will not exceed 24 months. The proposed schedule fits within the 24-month duration specified by 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). Revising the UFSAR annually or 6 months after refueling outages for each unit, therefore, is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that special circumstances