

Applicants apply on-line using a Web-based resume, which prompts them to provide pertinent personal data necessary to apply for a position.

Use of the Information: The information is used by NSF to provide applicants with the ability to apply electronically for NSF positions and receive notification as to their qualifications, application dispensation and to request to be notified of future vacancies for which they may qualify.

In order to apply for vacancies, applicants are encouraged to submit certain data in order to receive consideration. Users only need access to the Internet for this system to work. This information is used to determine which applicants are best qualified for a position, based on applicant responses to a series of job related "yes/no" or "multiple choice" questions. The resume portion requires applicants to provide the same information they would provide were they submitting a paper OF-612. The obvious benefit being that the applicant may do so on-line, 24 hours a day/seven days a week and receive electronic notification about the status of their application or information on other vacancies for which they may qualify. Staff members of the Division of Human Resource Management and the selecting official(s) for specific positions for which applicants apply are the only ones privy to the applicant data. The most significant data is not the applicant personal data such as address or phone number but rather their description of their work experience and their corresponding responses to those questions, which determine their overall rating, ranking, and referral to the selecting official.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated average 45 minutes to create the on line resume and potentially less than 45 minutes to apply for jobs on-line.

There is no financial burden on the applicant, in fact this relieves much of the burden the former paper-intensive process puts on applicants.

Respondents: Individuals. 7971 applicants applied for NSF vacancies between October 2003 and September 2004.

Average Number of Applicants: Approximately 42 responses per job opening for vacancy announcements between October 2003 and September 2004.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Approximately 45 minutes per respondent total time is all that is needed to complete the on-line

application, for a total of 5,978.25 hours annually.

Frequency of Responses: Applicants need only complete the resume one time, and they may use that resume to apply as often as they wish for any NSF job opening.

Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; 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.

Dated: October 20, 2004.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO) (1110).

Date and Time: November 18, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., November 19, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directors, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Planning and Issues Discussion:

- Committee of Visitors Report
- Education and Outreach Activities

- Subcommittee Reports

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Business and Operations Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Business and Operations Advisory Committee (9556).

Date/Time: November 18, 2004; 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST). November 19, 2004; 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (EST).

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

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Mary Ann Birchett, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292-8100.

Purposes of Meeting: To provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF's business operations.

Agenda:

November 18, 2004

P.M.: Welcome and introduction of new members; updates—Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management, Office of Information and Resource Management, Chief Information Officer activities. Presentation and discussion—Large Facilities: Forming a Subcommittee; update on Business Analysis.

November 19, 2004

A.M.: Presentation and discussion—eGovernment at NSF; Federal Initiatives in eGovernment; meeting with NSF Acting Director; committee discussion; planning for next meeting; feedback; other business.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Earth Scope Science and Education Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee (#16638).

Dates/Time: 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2004 (NSF); 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2004 (EarthScope Office); 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2004 (NSF).

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Stafford I Building, Room 770; EarthScope Office, 1200 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Part Open (see agenda below).

Contact Person: Dr. Kaye Shedlock, Program Director, EarthScope Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, (703) 292-4693.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out EarthScope proposal and management review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials; and to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning EarthScope construction, operation, science and education support.

Agenda: Closed: November 16, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.—To review the EarthScope Project Execution Plan (PEP) covering funding decisions for personnel and subcontracts for the construction phase of EarthScope; proposal actions from the 2004 EarthScope Solicitation, including the discussion of proposals still under review.

Open: November 17, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.—To provide advice on the 2004 EarthScope Solicitation, education and outreach management structure, and revision of volcanic area instrumentation.

Closed: November 17, 2004, 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—continue discussions of EarthScope Project Execution Plan (PEP) covering funding decisions.

Reason For Closing: During the closed sessions, the committee will be reviewing proposal actions that may include privileged intellectual property or information confidential in nature, including personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

STP Nuclear Operating Company, et al., South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Partial Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear

Operating Company (the licensee) to partially withdraw its September 22, 2003 (ML032691396), application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 and Facility Operating License No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The facility is located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility Technical Specifications (TSs) to change the requirements for the Engineered Safety Features sequencer and the Surveillance Requirements that are applicable in Modes 5 and 6 to provide needed clarification. In addition, the proposed amendment would correct a typographical error from requirement “c.” in TS 3.2.4 to requirement “b.”

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2003 (68 FR 64139). However, by letter dated September 30, 2004 (ML042800236), the licensee withdrew the proposed change except for that part which corrected the typographical error.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 22, 2003, and the licensee’s letter dated September 30, 2004, which partially withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of October 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David H. Jaffe,

Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-29-OLA; ASLBP No. 04-831-01-OLA]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and the Commission’s regulations, see 10 CFR 2.104, 2.300, 2.303, 2.309, 2.311, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Yankee Atomic Electric Company, Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Franklin County, Massachusetts (Operating License Amendment)

This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted on August 20, 2004, by the Citizens Awareness Network, Inc., in response to a June 14, 2004 notice of opportunity for hearing (69 FR 34,696, 34,707 (June 22, 2004)), regarding a November 24, 2003 request to amend the operating license of Yankee Atomic Electric Company’s Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Rowe, Massachusetts. The new license condition would document the date of NRC approval of the license termination plan (LTP) for the facility and provide criteria to determine the need for NRC approval of changes to the approved LTP.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Alan S. Rosenthal, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with the administrative judges in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of October 2004.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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