

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

10. *Date:* August 9, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Latin American Studies I, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

11. *Date:* August 9, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Latin American Studies II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

12. *Date:* August 10, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in American Studies II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

13. *Date:* August 11, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for Advanced Research on Japan, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

14. *Date:* August 14, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Religious Studies I, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

15. *Date:* August 14, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Religious Studies II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

16. *Date:* August 15, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Philosophy I, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

17. *Date:* August 15, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in

Philosophy II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

18. *Date:* August 16, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Fellowships in Comparative Literature & Literary Criticism, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 2006 deadline.

Heather Gottry,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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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: 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, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 10411, and two 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; or (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 Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail 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 703-292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Hines at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. 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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comment: On April 19, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 10411) a 60-day notice of our intent to request renewal of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days. Two comments were received from the public notice. The first comment came from Dr. Michael A. Gibson, The University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN on 24 April 2006. Dr. Gibson requested for his university to partake in the survey, as they have a paleontological collection from past NSF support.

Response: NSF noted this request and confirmed that the University of Tennessee at Martin was included on our list of eligible institutions.

Comment: The second comment came from Ellen Paul, The Ornithological Council, Chevy Chase, MD on 6 June 2006. Ms. Paul requested a copy of the survey to address the anticipated burden. On 8 June 2006, the NSF sent Ms. Paul an electronic copy of the IWGSC Scientific Collections survey. On 16 June 2006, NSF received comments regarding the survey from Ms. Paul.

Response: We responded to her concerns, noting that we had received and incorporated input from the scientific community through correspondence during NSF panel meetings (which are populated from scientists representing a plethora of institutions) and scientific professional society conferences during the creation

of the survey, and that the issues regarding ambiguity in language used in the survey are addressed in the "FAQ" section of the website. After extensive phone and email correspondences, it was determined Ms. Paul's concerns originated from distress about a new National Park Service policy regarding scientific collections. As that program is unrelated to our survey collection and her concerns of unclearly defined terms used in the survey are addressed in the FAQ section of the survey instrument, the NSF is moving forward with the clearance request.

Title of Collection: "Scientific Collections Survey."

OMB Approval Number: 3145-NEW.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection for three years

Proposed Project: The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) has requested an assessment of information regarding all object-based scientific collections maintained or financially supported by the Federal government or used in research supported by the Federal government, and ancillary materials directly related to them. The Interagency Working Group on Scientific Collections (IWGSC), established in September 2005 by the Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council, is working with the IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) to collect the information through an online survey. As part of the IWGSC, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has agreed to survey institutions with object-based scientific collections that receive support from the NSF or that are used by researchers that receive support from the NSF.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 40 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey, for a total of 400 hours for all respondents. Respondents from the approximately 730 institutions that receive NSF support for object-based collections, or whose object-based collections are used by researchers that receive NSF support, will complete this survey once.

Respondents: Not-for-profits.

Estimated Number of Responses: 730.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5353 hours.

Dated: July 24, 2006.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Committee on Strategy and Budget; Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: August 4, 2006; 9 a.m.–10 a.m. (ET).

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Webber, (703) 292-7000. <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

Agenda

Teleconference discussion of the National Science Foundation's FY 2008 budget submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

Russell Moy,

Attorney Advisor.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

[Docket No. 52-009-ESP; ASLBP No. 04-823-03-ESP]

In the Matter of System Energy Resources, Inc. (Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf ESP Site); Notice of Opportunity To Make Oral or Written Limited Appearance Statements

July 21, 2006.

Before Administrative Judges: Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman; Nicholas G. Trikouros, and Dr. Richard E. Wardwell.

This proceeding involves the application of System Energy Resources, Inc., (SERI) for a 10 CFR Part 52 early site permit (ESP). The ESP application seeks approval of the site at the existing Grand Gulf nuclear power station in Claiborne County, Mississippi, for the possible future construction of a new nuclear power generation facility.

SERI filed its application on October 16, 2003. Thereafter, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Claiborne County, Mississippi Branch), Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Public Citizen, and the Mississippi chapter of the Sierra Club (Petitioners) filed a request for hearing and petition to intervene. Based on the pleadings submitted, and after hearing argument regarding the standing of the Petitioners and the admissibility of their seven

proffered contentions, the previously assigned Atomic Safety and Licensing Board determined that although Petitioners had established the requisite standing to intervene in this proceeding, they had failed to submit at least one admissible contention. LBP-04-19, 60 NRC 277 (2004). Petitioners collectively appealed the Board's Order and, on January 18, 2005, the Commission affirmed the Board's rulings. CLI-05-04, 61 NRC 10 (2005). Therefore, the only matter remaining before this Board is satisfaction of the Mandatory Hearing requirement with regard to SERI's ESP Application. 42 U.S.C. 2235 (2000); 10 CFR 52.18, 52.21, 52.24. This Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby gives notice that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.315(a), the Board will entertain oral limited appearance statements from members of the public in connection with this proceeding at the date, time, and location specified below.

A. Date, Time, and Location of Oral Limited Appearance Statement Session

The session will be held on the following date at the specified location and time:

Date: August 28, 2006.

Time: 6 p.m. CDT until 9 p.m. CDT.

Location: City Hall, 1005 College Street, Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150.

B. Participation Guidelines for Oral Limited Appearance Statements

Any person not a party, or the representative of a party, to the proceeding will be permitted to make an oral statement setting forth his or her position on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. Although these statements do not constitute testimony or evidence in the proceeding, they nonetheless help the Board and/or the parties in their consideration of the issues.

Oral limited appearance statements will be entertained during the hours specified above, or such lesser time as might be necessary to accommodate the speakers who are present. In this regard, if all scheduled and unscheduled speakers present at the session have made a presentation, the Licensing Board reserves the right to terminate the session before the ending time listed above. During the limited appearance session no signs or banners will be permitted in the hearing room.

In order to allow all interested persons an opportunity to address the Board, the time allotted for each statement normally will be no more than five (5) minutes, but may be limited, or expanded, depending on the number of written requests to make oral statements that are submitted in