

collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Record of Examination for Hazardous Conditions. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Comments are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfesak@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Coal mine operators are required by 30 CFR 77.1713 to conduct

examinations of each active working area of surface mines, active surface installations at these mines, and preparation plants not associated with underground coal mines for hazardous conditions during each shift. A report of any hazardous conditions detected must be entered into a record book, along with a description of any corrective actions taken.

A number of potential hazards can exist at surface coal mines and facilities. Highwalls, mining equipment, travelways, and the handling of mining materials each present possible hazardous conditions. Since promulgation of 30 CFR 77.1713 in 1971, numerous miners have either lost their lives at the areas affected by the subject standard or received injuries of varying degrees of seriousness. The majority of the injuries and fatalities resulted from hazardous conditions that had not been detected or corrected.

II. Current Actions

By conducting an on-shift examination for hazardous conditions, the mine operator better guarantees a safe working environment for the miners and a reduction in accidents. Examinations for hazardous conditions are required to be conducted each shift. To do so less frequently could allow unsafe conditions to go undetected that might result in an accident.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Record of Examination for Hazardous Conditions.

OMB Number: 1219-0083.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 77.1713.

Total Respondents: 1,818.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 616,302.

Average Time per Response: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 924,453.

Estimated Total Burden Hour Cost: \$38,827,026.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 18, 1997.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Antarctic Tour Operators Meeting

The National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Antarctic Tour Operators Meeting.

Date and Time: July 9, 1997, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 375, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Nadene G. Kennedy, Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1033; Fax: (703) 306-0139.

Purpose of Meeting: Pursuant to the National Science Foundation's responsibilities under the Antarctic Conservation Act (P.L. 95-541) and the Antarctic Treaty, the U.S. Antarctic Program Managers plan to meet with Antarctic Tour Operators to exchange information concerning dates and procedures for visiting U.S. antarctic stations, review the latest Antarctic Treaty Recommendations concerning the environment and protected sites, and other items designed to protect the Antarctic environment.

Agenda

- Introduction and Overview.
- Review of 1996-97 Visits to McMurdo, Palmer and South Pole Stations.
- Tour Operator's Comments on 1996-97 Season Visits.
- 1997-98 Visits to McMurdo, Palmer and South Pole Stations.
- Report from the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO).
- Information Exchange, Status and Reviews.
- Presentations.
- Discussions with IAATO and EPA on development of Environmental Impact Assessments.
- Other Items.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Committee of Visitors; 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: Committee of Visitors (COV) Review for Cell Biology in the Division of Molecular & Cellular Biosciences (1110).

Date and Time: Monday, July 21, through Tuesday, July 22, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: The National Science Foundation, Room 310, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Julius H. Jackson, Division Director for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia. Telephone: (703) 306-1440.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials

Agenda: To provide oversight review of Cell Biology Program in the Division of Molecular & Cellular Biosciences.

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee of Education and Human Resources Committee of Visitors; 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 of Education and Human Resources (#1119).

Date and Time: July 10-11, 1997: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 814, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. William Sibley, Program Director, Human Resource Development Division, Room 815, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1633.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Agenda: To provide oversight review of the Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) Program.

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources, Committee on Visitors; 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 Education and Human Resources; Committee on Visitors/#119.

Date and time: July 24, 1997 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and July 25, 1997 (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suites 830 (7/24) and 880 (7/25), Arlington, VA.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Luther Williams, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1600.

Purpose of meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Agenda: to review and evaluate the Statewide Systemic Initiative (SSI) Program and provide an assessment of program-level technical and managerial matters pertaining to proposal decisions and program operations.

Reason for closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development; Notice of Meeting

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

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resources Development (#1199).

Date and Time: July 16, 1997: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; July 17, 1997: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; July 18, 1997: 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 814, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dawn M. Pickard, Senior Program Director, Human Resource Development Division, Room 815, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1637.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review preliminary proposals for the Women and Girls program.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and 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.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Research, Evaluation and Communication, 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Research, Evaluation and Communication (1210).

Date and Time: July 14, 1997: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. July 15, 1997: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. July 16, 1997: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. July 17, 1997: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Room 970, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Christopher Dede, Program Director, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 855, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1651.