

and must be received by the Corporation by April 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Technical Assistance Grants, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First St., NE, 10th Fl., Washington, DC 20002-4250. Applications may be e-mailed to competition@smtp.lsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Hanrahan, Program Counsel, Legal Services Corporation, 202/336-8848; hanrahap@smtp.lsc.gov.

Karen J. Sarjeant,

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-039]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Prospective Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Thermosurgery Technologies, Inc., of Phoenix, AZ, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions described in: NASA Case No. 22483-1, "Microwave Treatment System for Cardiac Arrhythmias;" NASA Case No. 22483-2, "In Vivo Simulator for Microwave Treatment;" NASA Case No. 22483-3, "Transcatheter Antenna For Microwave Treatment;" and NASA Case No. 22483-4, "Computer Simulation of Microwave Treatment;" which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Road 1, Houston, Texas, 77058-3696.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by May 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Hardie Barr, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Road 1, Houston, Texas, 77058-3696; telephone (281) 483-1003.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Extend and Revise 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 63 FR 71960, 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. Pilmpton, 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.

Title of Collection: Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, FY 1999 through FY 2001; OMB Control Number 3145-0100.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0100.

Summary of Collection: Separately budgeted current fund expenditures on research and development in the sciences and engineering performed by universities and colleges and their affiliated federally funded research and development centers—A mail/electronic survey, the Survey of Scientific and Engineering Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, originated in fiscal year (FY) 1954 and has been conducted annually since FY 1972. The survey is the academic expenditure component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to provide a "central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government," as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950.

Use of the Information: The proposed project will return to and maintain a full survey cycle population of about 700 institutions.

The survey which was conducted as a full survey population only every 5 years and as a statistical sample in each of the 4 intervening years was based primarily on reducing respondent burden. Consistency of records of the non-sampled institutions and frequent personnel changes, added to their burden. With the onset of Web-based data collection and a change for a minimum requirement of \$150K in expenditures for any master's or bachelor's degree-granting institution, the respondent burden and timelines is expected to decrease. These institutions account for over 98 percent of the Nation's academic R&D funds. The survey has provided continuity of statistics on R&D expenditures by source of funds and passed through dollars; by science & engineering (S&E) field, and separate data requested on current fund expenditures for research equipment by S&E field, and selected non-science and engineering fields. In addition, statistics from the survey are published in NSF's annual publication series Academic Science and Engineering R&D Expenditures and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be mailed primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden, institutions are provided with (in addition to paper copy) file specifications needed to upload data from the web data collection system (<http://www.qrc.com/exp>).

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 698 (average).

Frequency of Responses: Reporting annually.

Total Burden Hours: 9,014.

Approximately 65% responded electronically using the previous Automatic Survey Questionnaire on diskette to this voluntary survey in FY 1997 and a total response rate of 98.0% was obtained. Burden estimates are as follows:

	Total number of institutions	Burden Hours		
		Doctorate-granting	Masters-granting	Bachelors or below
FY 1997	692	19.0	7.0	7.0
FY 1996	692	21.5	7.1	6.2

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: National Women's Business Council.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Women's Business Ownership Act, Public law 105-135 as amended, the National Women's Business Council (NWBC) announces a forthcoming Council meeting and joint meeting of the NWBC and Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise. The meetings will cover action items worked on by the National Women's Business Council and the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise included by not limited to procurement, access to capital and training.

DATES: March 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: *Council Meeting & Joint Meeting*, The White House/Old Executive Office Building, Indian Treaty Room, Washington, DC 20502.

10:00 am-11:00 am/Council Meeting
11:00 am-12:00 pm/Joint Meeting.

STATUS: Open to the public—limited space available.

CONTACT: National Women's Business Council, 409 Third Street, S.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20024, (202) 205-3850.

NOTE: Please call by March 10, 1999. Attendance/Clearance by RSVP only.

Gilda Presley,

Administrative Officer, National Women's Business Council.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 72-9]

Department of Energy Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Proposed Exemption From Requirements of 10 CFR Part 20

By letter dated December 10, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated December 9, 1998, the Department of Energy (DOE or applicant) requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1501(c) related to DOE's proposed operation of the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The facility is located in Weld County, Colorado.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Identification of Proposed Action

The applicant is seeking Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) approval to take possession of NRC Materials License SNM-2504 to operate the FSV ISFSI. The FSV ISFSI is an existing facility constructed and licensed to store spent nuclear fuel from the formerly licensed Fort St. Vrain High Temperature Gas Reactor. By letter dated December 17, 1996, DOE submitted an application to transfer SNM-2504 from Public Service Company of Colorado (the current license holder) to DOE. The NRC staff is currently performing a review of that application. In a December 10, 1997, supplement to the application, DOE requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1501(c). Section 20.1501(c) states, in part, that "All personnel dosimeters * * * that require processing * * * must be processed and evaluated by a dosimetry processor * * * (1) Holding current personnel dosimetry accreditation from the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the

National Institute of Standards and Technology. * * *". Specifically, the applicant has requested authorization to use the Department of Energy Laboratory Accreditation Program (DOELAP) as an alternative dosimetry processing accreditation standard.

Need for the Proposed Action

The applicant is preparing to operate the FSV ISFSI as described in its application and accompanying safety analysis report (SAR), subject to transference of the existing NRC License SNM-2504 to DOE. The applicant is implementing programs and procedures necessary to operate the ISFSI and seeks to have those programs make efficient use of resources. One of the programs developed by DOE is the capability to monitor personnel occupational radioactive dose for routine and non-routine activities at the FSV ISFSI. Personnel dosimetry requires processing by a qualified processing facility. DOE prefers to use a processing organization that currently processes dosimetry for its Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). That processor is accredited under the DOE Laboratory Accreditation Program, rather than under the NVLAP program. To support the efficient use of resources, DOE has requested to use a DOELAP accreditation process for processing personnel dosimetry associated with FSV.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has examined both the NVLAP and DOELAP accreditation processes and standards. Both the NVLAP and DOELAP programs have similar requirements in that they incorporate similar test categories (type of radiation and energy levels), tolerance levels, bias, and performance criteria. The staff concluded that the DOELAP process is