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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0033.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* April 30, 2000.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to reinstate an information collection for three years.

*Abstract:* The proposed continuing information collection is a survey used to monitor public attitudes towards science and technology, including the public's level of scientific understanding and policy preferences on selected issues. This telephone survey has been conducted approximately every two years for more than 20 years, and the information collected with it appears in the congressionally mandated National Science Board biennial report, Science and Engineering Indicators, and other publications. Information on public attitudes and understanding of science and technology is used by government and nongovernment policy makers in developing and designing science and education programs and by researchers in government, industry, and academia. The proposed collection will occur in early 2001.

#### **Expected Respondents**

The survey will be conducted by telephone. Using state-of-the-art, computer-assisted telephone interviewing software and random digit dialing, approximately 2000 adults will be contacted and asked a series of questions designed to measure their attitudes towards science and technology and their understanding of scientific concepts.

#### **Burden on the Public**

The estimated respondent burden is 1000 hours. This estimate is based on the completion of 2000 telephone interviews with an average length of 30 minutes each.

*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 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, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

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**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*NSF Reports Clearance Officer.*

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### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

#### **Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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 Geosciences (1756).

*Date and Time:* September 7 and 8, 2000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Rm 730, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Robert Robinson, Program Director for Upper Atmospheric Facilities, and Dr. John Meriwether, Program Director for Aeronomy. Room 775, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8529.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Coupling, Energetics, and Dynamics of Atmospheric Regions (CEDAR) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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 USC 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

#### **Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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 Polar Programs (1209).

*Date/Time:* September 18-20, 2000, 8:30 am-5 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation at 4201, 2000, 8:30am-5 pm.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Polly A. Penhale, Program Manager, Antarctic Biology and Medicine, Office of Polar Programs Rm. 755S, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Biology & Medicine proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

#### **Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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 the Office of Polar Programs (1209).

*Date/Time:* September 18-19, 2000; 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Room 360, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Julie Palais, Program Director, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Glaciology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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 the Office of Polar Programs (1209).

*Date/Time:* September 19-20, 2000; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 360/330, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Scott Borg and Dr. Julie Palais, Program Directors, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Glaciology and Antarctic Geology and Geophysics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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 the Office of Polar Programs (1209).

*Date/time:* September 18-19, 2000; 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 330, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Scott Borg, Program Director, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Geology and Geophysics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; 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:* President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

*Date/Time:* Monday, November 13, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rm. 1295, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Program Manager, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/292-8096.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the National Medal of Science recipients.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy.

These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**Karen J. York,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-00017]

### Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Dow Chemical Company's Radiation Safety Officer Change and Schedule Extension for Decommissioning of Bay City Site, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment (LA) to Material License No. STB-527 issued to The Dow Chemical Company (TDCC), to authorize change of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), and to extend the time schedule for decommissioning of its Bay City site, Bay City, Michigan.

TDCC submitted a letter dated June 1, 2000, which requested a license amendment to change the RSO. TDCC also submitted a letter dated May 23, 2000, requesting an extension of the deadline for completion of decommissioning until October 31, 2003.

These letters are treated as requests for license amendment. An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to TDCC dated July 21, 2000, found the RSO change and the schedule extension requests acceptable to begin a technical review. If the NRC approves the RSO change and the schedule extension to October 31, 2003, the approval will be documented in a license amendment to NRC License No. STB-527. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on two applications for license amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules of practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a