

annually at 3 minutes per response; this computes to approximately 250 hours annually.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Extend without Revision a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 26, 2002, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone 703-292-7556; or send email at splimpto@nsf.gov. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Fellowship Applications and Award Forms.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0023.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2002.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend without revision an information collection for three years.

Abstract

Section 10 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*), as amended, states that "The Foundation is authorized to award, within the limits of funds made available * * * scholarships and graduate fellowships for scientific study or scientific work in the mathematical physical, medical, biological,

engineering, social, and other sciences at appropriate nonprofit American or nonprofit foreign institutions selected by the recipient of such aid, for stated periods of time."

The Foundation Fellowship Programs are designed to meet the following objectives:

- To assure that some of the Nation's most talented students in the sciences obtain the education necessary to become creative and productive scientific researchers.
- To train or upgrade advanced scientific personnel to enhance their abilities as teachers and researchers.
- To promote graduate education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering at institutions that have traditionally served ethnic minorities.
- To encourage pursuit of advanced science degrees by students who are members of ethnic groups traditionally under-represented in the Nation's advanced science personnel pool.

The list of fellowship award programs sponsored by the Foundation includes, but may not be limited to, the following:

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

Graduate Fellowships
Minority Graduate Fellowships
Women in Engineering and Computer & Information Science
Earth Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Chemistry
Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowships and Supporting Engineering
Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships and Supporting Activities
Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Microbial Biology
Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics
Ridge Inter-Disciplinary Global Experiments
Advanced Study Institute Travel Awards

International Opportunities for Scientists and Engineers

Japan Research Fellows
North American Research fellows
International Research fellows Ethics and Values Fellowship Awards.

Estimate of Burden: These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the fellowship program. Public burden may also vary according to program, however, it is estimated that each submission is averaged to be 12 hours per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 13,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 156,000 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

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; (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.

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Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Enforcement Program and Alternative Dispute Resolution; Workshop and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of workshop and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The NRC is convening a workshop to more fully explore the potential use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in its enforcement program. This workshop is in response to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2001; 66 FR 64890, that announced NRC's intent to evaluate the use of ADR in its enforcement program. This notice also announces that NRC is extending the comment period for the December 14, 2001, notice to March 29, 2002. The objectives of the workshop will be to develop a better understanding of the range of ADR techniques, how they might apply to specific NRC enforcement scenarios, and the potential advantages and disadvantages of the use of ADR in various parts of the NRC enforcement process. The format of the workshop will be a facilitated discussion among the invited

participants of interests that may be affected by the use of ADR in the NRC enforcement process, as well as expert ADR practitioners from other agencies and private practice. The list of invited participants, as well as the agenda for the workshop, will be posted at the NRC Web site (www.nrc.gov) at url <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement/public-involvement.html>.

Invited participants currently include representatives from the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Environmental Protection Agency's Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center, ADR experts from other federal agencies and private practice, and participants from the nuclear energy bar and the whistleblower protection bar. Representatives from the NRC Office of Enforcement will also participate in the discussion. The workshop will be open to the public. Although the focus of the discussion will be among the invited participants, the audience will be able to engage in the discussion at selected points during the workshop.

DATES: The workshop will be held on March 12, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The comment period is extended to March 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Kentlands Mansion, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Directions to Kentlands Mansion will be available at the NRC Web site address cited above. In order to optimize the limited space at the facility, it would be helpful if those planning to attend the workshop would notify Mr. Terrence Reis, Senior Enforcement Specialist, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, by March 4, 2002. Mr. Reis's contact information is contained below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

In terms of the extended public comment period, submit written responses to the notice published on December 14, 2001, to Mr. Michael Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments also may be sent electronically to Mr. Lesar, e-mail mtl@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terrence Reis, Senior Enforcement

Specialist, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (301) 415-3281, e-mail txr@nrc.gov or Francis X. Cameron, NRC ADR Specialist, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, (301) 415-1642, e-mail fxc@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: "ADR" is a term that refers to a number of voluntary processes, such as mediation and facilitated dialogues, that can be used to assist parties in resolving disputes and potential conflicts. The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 (ADRA) encourages the use of ADR by Federal agencies, and defines ADR as "any procedure that is used to resolve issues in controversy, including but not limited to, conciliation, facilitation, mediation, fact finding, mini trials, arbitration, and use of an ombudsman, or any combination thereof." 5 U.S.C. 571(3). These techniques involve the use of a neutral third party, either from within the agency or from outside the agency, and are typically voluntary processes in terms of the decision to participate, the type of process used, and the content of the final agreement. Federal agency experience with ADR has demonstrated that the use of these techniques can result in the more efficient resolution of issues, more effective outcomes, and improved relationships between the agency and the other party.

The NRC has a general ADR Policy, 57 FR 36678, August 14, 1992 that supports and encourages the use of ADR in NRC activities. In addition, the NRC has used ADR effectively in a variety of circumstances, including rulemaking and policy development, and EEO disputes. There has been no systematic evaluation of the need for ADR in the enforcement process. As part of the NRC's participation in an interagency process in 1998 by the Clinton Administration to encourage a broader use of ADR by Federal agencies, and an inquiry in regard to the use of ADR in a specific enforcement case, have caused the NRC to consider whether a new, specific ADR policy would be beneficial in the enforcement area.

The Commission previously requested public comment on the potential use of ADR in the Commission's enforcement process at 66 FR 64890, on December 14, 2001. In that Notice, the Commission identified a number of issues on which it specifically requested comment:

1. Is there a need to provide for additional avenues, other than that provided for in 10 CFR 2.203, for the

use of ADR in NRC enforcement activities?

2. What are the potential benefits of using ADR in the NRC enforcement process?

3. What are the potential detriments of using ADR in the NRC enforcement process?

4. What would be the scope of disputes for which ADR techniques could be utilized?

5. At what points in the existing enforcement process might ADR be used?

6. What types of ADR techniques might most effectively be used in the NRC enforcement process?

7. Does the nature of the existing enforcement process for either reactor or materials licensees limit the effectiveness of ADR?

8. Would any need for confidentiality in the ADR process be perceived negatively by the public?

9. For policy reasons, are there any enforcement areas where it shouldn't be used, e.g., wrongdoing, precedent-setting areas?

10. What factors should be considered in instituting an ADR process for the enforcement area?

11. What should serve as the source of neutrals for use in the ADR process for enforcement?

Several responses have been received on these and other issues in response to the request for public comment. The NRC is now taking two actions:

1. The NRC is extending the public comment period on the original (December 14, 2001) **Federal Register** Notice to March 29, 2002; and

2. The NRC is convening a workshop to more fully explore the potential use of ADR in its enforcement program. The objectives and format for the workshop are stated in the **SUMMARY** section of this notice.

Francis X. Cameron, the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution Specialist, will be the convener and facilitator for the workshops. Questions about participation may be directed to the facilitator, Francis X. Cameron. Copies of the original **Federal Register** Notice requesting comment on the potential use of ADR in the NRC enforcement process, the NRC's existing ADR policy statement, the public comments received, the agenda for the workshop, and the roundtable participants, can be obtained at the NRC Web site (www.nrc.gov) at url <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement/public-involvement.html>

Copies also can be obtained from either of the NRC contacts identified at the beginning of this notice. The

workshop commentary will be transcribed and made available to the participants and the public.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of February, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frank J. Congel,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 8 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2002; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: March 4-8 a.m. (Closed); March 5-8:30 a.m. (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Monday, March 4-8 a.m. (Closed)

1. Financial Performance.
2. Strategic Planning.
3. Preliminary Annual Performance Plan Targets FY 2003.
4. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, March 5-8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, February 4-5, 2002.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO.

Fiscal Year 2001 Comprehensive Statement on Postal Operations.

4. Consideration of Borrowing Resolution.

5. Capital Investment.

a. Burlingame, California, Peninsula Delivery Distribution Center.

6. Tentative Agenda for the April 8-9, 2002, meeting in Washington, DC.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

William T. Johnstone, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

William T. Johnstone,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT. [67 FR 7208, February 15, 2002]

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Thursday, February 21, 2002, at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Item.

The following item has been added to the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2002: Consideration of amicus participation.

Commissioner Glassman, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of February 25, 2002: An open meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at 10 a.m., in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room, and closed meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at 11 a.m. and Thursday, February 28, 2002 at 10 a.m.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2002, will be: The Commission will hear oral argument on an appeal by Sandra K. Simpson, formerly an associated person with a registered broker-dealer, from the decision of an administrative law judge. For further information, contact Roy Sheetz at (202) 942-0950.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the

Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meetings. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (8), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (8), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meetings.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2002, will be: Post-argument discussion.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2002, will be: Inspection report; institution and settlement of injunctive actions; institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and formal orders of investigation.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Programs

February 19, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 15, 2002, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its subsidiary, NASD Regulation, Inc. ("NASD Regulation") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by NASD Regulation. The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.