

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 74 FR 10783, 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. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. 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 H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to [chines@nsf.gov](mailto:chines@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:** Suzanne H. Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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:**

*Title of Collection:* "Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form".

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0203.

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

*Proposed Project:* Five organizational units within the Directorate of Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation will use the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form. They are the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI), the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) and Emerging Frontiers (EF). All scientists submitting proposals to these units will be asked to complete an electronic version of the Proposal Classification Form. The form consists of brief questions about the substance of the research and the investigator's previous federal support. Each division will have a slightly different version of the form. In this way, submitters will only confront response choices that are relevant to their discipline.

*Use of the Information:* The information gathered with the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form serves two main purposes. The first is facilitation of the proposal review process. Since peer review is a key component of NSF's grant-making process, it is imperative that proposals are reviewed by scientists with appropriate expertise. The information collected with the Proposal Classification Form helps ensure that the proposals are evaluated by specialists who are well versed in appropriate subject matter. This helps maintain a fair and equitable review process.

The second use of the information is program evaluation. The Directorate is committed to investing in a range of substantive areas. With data from this collection, the Directorate can calculate submission rates and funding rates in specific areas of research. Similarly, the information can be used to identify emerging areas of research, evaluate changing infrastructure needs in the research community, and track the amount of international research. As the National Science Foundation is committed to funding cutting-edge science, these factors all have implications for program management.

The Directorate of Biological Sciences has a continuing commitment to monitor its information collection in order to preserve its applicability and necessity. Through periodic updates and revisions, the Directorate ensures

that only useful, non-redundant information is collected. These efforts will reduce excessive reporting burdens.

*Burden on the Public:* The Directorate estimates that an average of five minutes is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 6,800 responses are expected during the course of one year for a total of 570 public burden hours annually.

*Expected Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,800.

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*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 570 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion.

Dated: June 23, 2009.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 63-001-HLW; ASLBP No. 09-892-HLW-CAB04]

### Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; Department of Energy

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972 (37 FR 28,710), and the Commission's regulations, *see* 10 CFR 2.300 *et seq.*, 2.1000 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) is being established in the following case to preside over matters concerning discovery, Licensing Support Network compliance, new or amended contentions, grouping or consolidation of contentions, scheduling, case management matters relating to any of the foregoing, and all other matters the Chief Administrative Judge may assign: U.S. Department of Energy, High Level Waste Repository, Construction Authorization Application.

The Board, which shall also be referred to as a Construction Authorization Board 04 (CAB 04) is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Paul S. Ryerson, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Richard E. Wardwell, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear

Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Until further order, all pleadings, correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule, which the NRC promulgated in August 2007 (72 FR 49,139).

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of June 2009.

**E. Roy Hawkens,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Meetings; Sunshine Act

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Week of June 29, 2009.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Week of June 29, 2009**

*Tuesday, June 30, 2009*

1:05 p.m.

Discussion/Possible Vote on Final Rule—Update to Waste Confidence Decision (Public Meeting) (Tentative). (*Contact:* Rochelle Bavol, 301-415-1651.)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings, call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

Contact person for more information: Rochelle Bavol, (301) 415-1651.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: June 23, 2009.

**Rochelle C. Bavol,**

*Office of the Secretary.*

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER AND CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL

### Amended Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

**AGENCY:** Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council (Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Council), an interstate compact agency organized under the authority of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980, 16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.* (Northwest Power Act).

**ACTION:** Notice of final action adopting the amended *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program*.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 4(h) of the Northwest Power Act, the Council has amended its *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program* (program). The final amended program may be found on the Council's Web site at <http://www.nwccouncil.org/fw/program>.

Background: Pursuant to section 4(h) of the Northwest Power Act, in November 2007 the Northwest Power and Conservation Council requested in writing that State and Federal fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, and others submit recommendations for amendments to the Council's *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program*. The Council received over 3000 pages of recommendations and supporting information from 65 entities. The Council then received extensive written public comment on the program amendment recommendations. In September 2008, after reviewing the recommendations, the supporting information, and the comments received on the recommendations, the Council released for public review a draft revised Fish and Wildlife Program. The Council received over 1000 pages of substantial written comments on the draft amendments. All of these documents may be found on the Council's Web site at <http://www.nwccouncil.org/fw/program/2008amend>. The Council also took oral

testimony at a dozen public hearings around the region. Transcripts of these hearings are in the administrative record along with the written comments. As specified in section 4(h)(5), the Council also held a number of consultations on the recommendations and draft amendments with representatives of State and Federal fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, Federal hydrosystem agencies, and customers of the Bonneville Power Administration. Notes from these consultations are also in the administrative record.

Following this public review process required by the Northwest Power Act, and after deliberations in public over the course of several Council meetings, the Council adopted the final revised program in February 2009 at a Council meeting in Portland, Oregon. The Council based its decisions on the recommendations, supporting documents, and the views and information obtained through public comment and participation and consultation with the agencies, tribes, and customers. The Council's *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program* continues to include detailed plans for nearly 60 subbasins and mainstem reaches of the Columbia River Basin. The subbasin plans themselves were not revised in this process. In the final step of this program amendment process, at its June 2009 meeting in Whitefish, Montana, the Council adopted written findings explaining its disposition of the program amendment recommendations, as required by section 4(h)(7) of the Northwest Power Act, along with responses to comments received on the program amendment recommendations and on the draft amended program. The findings and responses have been made part of the program as Appendix F. All of the elements of the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program may be found on the Council's Web site at <http://www.nwccouncil.org/fw/program>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please visit the Council's Web site at <http://www.nwccouncil.org> or contact the Council at (503) 222-5161 or toll free (800) 452-5161.

**Stephen L. Crow,**

*Executive Director.*

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