

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

*Title:* 4,4'-Methylenedianiline Standard in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1050).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0184.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 13.

*Frequency of Recordkeeping:* On occasion; quarterly; semi-annually; annually.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from five minutes (.08 hours) to provide information to the physician to two hours to perform periodic monitoring.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 293.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$19,037.

#### IV. Authority and Signature

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 24, 2006.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH); Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) was established to advise the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA on issued relating to occupational safety and health in the maritime industries. The purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to announce to MACOSH meeting scheduled for September 2006.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet on September 26, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and September 27, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee will meet at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200

Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. On Tuesday September 26, the Committee will meet in conference room C-5521 room #4; on Wednesday September 27, the Committee will meet in conference room N-3437 rooms A, B, and C. Mail comments, views, or statements in response to this notice to Jim Maddux, Director, Office of Maritime, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone (202) 693-2086; FAX: (202) 693-1663.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about MACOSH, and this meeting contact: Jim Maddux, Director, Office of Maritime, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone (202) 693-2086. Individuals with disabilities wishing to attend the meeting should contact Vanessa L. Welch at (202) 693-2086 no later than September 19, 2006 to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All MACOSH meetings, including work group meetings, are open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend the MACOSH meetings at the times and places listed above. Since the Committee has just been re-established, and his nine new members, the agenda will include discussions of OSHA's programs and activities such as: Standards and guidance; enforcement; cooperative programs; and science, technology and medicine. The agenda will also include discussions on forming MACOSH work groups; identification of maritime safety and health issues; radiation screening of cargo containers and general administrative procedures.

*Public Participation:* Written data, views or comments for consideration by MACOSH on the various agenda items listed above should be submitted to vanessa L. Welch at the address listed above. Submissions received by September 12, 2006, will be provided to Committee members and will be included in the record of the meeting. Requests to make oral presentations to the Committee may be granted as time permits. anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the committee on any of the agenda items listed above should notify Vanessa L. Welch by September 12, 2006. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation.

**Authority:** Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by 6(b)(1)

and 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of August, 2006.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by October 30, 2006 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 201 Wilson Blvd., Rm 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (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.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey Improvement Projects.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0174.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* December 31, 2009.

*Abstract:* Generic Clearance of the Science Resources Statistics Survey Improvement Projects. The National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the most complete

and accurate information possible to policymakers in Congress and throughout government and academia, NSF/SRS conducts many surveys to obtain the data for these purposes. The Generic Clearance will be used to ensure that the highest quality data is obtained from these surveys. State-of-the-art methodology will be used to develop, evaluate, and test questionnaires and survey concepts as well as to improve survey methodology. This may include field or pilot tests of questions for future large-scale surveys, as needed.

*Expected Respondents:* The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and state, local, and federal governments. Respondents will be either individuals or institutions, depending upon the survey under investigation. Qualitative procedures will generally be conducted in person or over the phone, but quantitative procedures may be conducted using mail, web, e-mail, or

phone modes, depending on the topic under investigation. Up to 19,150 respondents will be contacted across the survey improvement projects. No respondent will be contacted more than twice in one year under this generic clearance. Every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be used to improve NSF's current data collection instruments and processes and to reduce respondent burden, as well as to develop new surveys. Qualitative methods include, but are not limited to, expert review; exploratory, cognitive, and usability interviews; focus groups; and respondent debriefings. Cognitive and usability interviews may include the use of scenarios, paraphrasing, card sorts, vignette classifications, and rating tasks. Quantitative methods include, but are not limited to, telephone surveys, behavior coding, split panel tests, and field tests.

Information being collected is not considered sensitive. In general,

assurances of data confidentiality will not be provided to respondents in the pretests. Instead, respondents have the option of requesting that any and all data they provide be kept confidential.

*Use of the Information:* The purpose of these studies is to use the latest and most appropriate methodology to improve NSF surveys. The data will be used internally to improve NSF surveys. Methodological findings may be presented externally in technical papers at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals. Improved NSF surveys will help policy makers in decisions on research and development fundings, graduate education, scientific and technical workforce, regulations, and reporting guidelines, as well as contributing to reduced survey costs.

*Burden on the Public:* NSF estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 14,950 hours will result from activities to improve its surveys. The calculation is:

TABLE 1.—ANTICIPATED SURVEYS TO UNDERTAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS PER SURVEY FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD

Survey name	Number of respondents <sup>1</sup>	Hours
Graduate Student Survey .....	<sup>2</sup> 5,000	3,000
SESTAT Surveys .....	10,000	5,000
Postdoc Project .....	800	1,600
New and Redesigned R&D Surveys:		
Academic R&D .....	600	1,200
Government R&D .....	50	100
Nonprofit R&D .....	200	100
Industry R&D .....	500	2,000
Survey of Scientific & Engineering Facilities .....	300	150
Public Understanding of S&E Surveys .....	200	50
Survey of Earned Doctorates .....	300	550
Additional surveys not specified .....	1,200	1,200
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>19,150</b>	<b>14,950</b>

<sup>1</sup> Number of respondents listed for any individual survey may represent several methodological improvement projects.

<sup>2</sup> This number refers to the science, engineering, and health-related departments within the academic institutions of the United States (not the academic institutions themselves).

*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; 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.

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

Dated: August 25, 2006.

**Suzanne Plimpton,**  
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic