

periodic summaries of the proposed projects.

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DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 26, 2010, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

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, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 292-7556, or send e-mail to 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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title of Collection:* 2010 National Survey of College Graduates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0141.
Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2011.

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

1. Abstract

The National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) has been conducted biennially since the 1970s. The 2010 NSCG sample will be selected from the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS), the 2008 NSCG, and the 2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG).

The purpose of this longitudinal survey is to provide national estimates on the science and engineering workforce and changes in their employment, education, and demographic characteristics. The NSCG is one of three component surveys of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population. The 2010 NSCG will provide necessary input into the SESTAT.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to " * * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government." The NSCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientists and engineers.

The NSF uses the information from the NSCG to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators*. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the Internet.

The Bureau of the Census, as in the past, will conduct the NSCG for NSF. The survey data collection will begin in October 2010 using mail and Web questionnaires. Nonrespondents to the mail or web questionnaire will be followed up by computer-assisted telephone interviewing. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will ensure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

2. Expected Respondents

A statistical sample of approximately 100,000 will be contacted in 2010. NSF expects the response rate to be 70 to 80 percent.

3. Estimate of Burden

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. NSF estimates that the total annual burden

will be no more than 33,333 hours during the 2010 survey cycle.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. The NSF will publish periodic summaries of the proposed projects.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Foundation'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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: 2010 National Survey of Recent College Graduates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0077.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2011.

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

1. Abstract

The National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG) has been conducted biennially since 1974. The 2010 NSRCG will consist of a sample of individuals who have completed bachelor's and master's degrees in science, engineering and health from U.S. institutions during the academic years 2008 and 2009. The purpose of the NSRCG is to provide national estimates on the new entrants into the science and engineering workforce and to provide estimates on the characteristics of recent bachelor's and master's graduates with science, engineering and health degrees. The NSRCG is one of three component surveys of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population. The 2010 NSRCG will provide necessary input into the SESTAT.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The NSRCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's recent bachelor's and master's level scientists and engineers.

The NSF uses the information from the NSRCG to prepare congressionally-mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering* and *Science and Engineering Indicators*. NSF publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the biennial series, *Characteristics of Recent Science and Engineering Graduates in the United States*. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect

respondent confidentiality, will be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the Internet.

A nationally recognized survey firm will conduct the 2010 NSRCG under contract for NSF. Data will be obtained by mail questionnaire, computer-assisted telephone interviews and Web survey beginning in October 2010. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will ensure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

2. Expected Respondents

A statistical sample of approximately 18,000 bachelor's and master's degree recipients in science, engineering, and health will be contacted in 2010. NSF expects the response rate to be 70 percent.

3. Estimate of Burden

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. NSF estimates that the total annual burden will be 5,250 hours during the 2010 survey cycle.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-261; NRC-2010-0062]

Carolina Power & Light Company; H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 73.5, “Specific exemptions,” from the implementation date for certain new requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, “Physical protection of plants and materials,” for Facility Operating License No. DPR-23, issued to Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee), for operation of the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (HBRSEP), located in Darlington

County, South Carolina. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.21, “Criteria for and identification of licensing and regulatory actions requiring environmental assessments,” the NRC prepared an environmental assessment documenting its finding. The NRC concluded that the proposed action will have no significant environmental impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt HBRSEP from the required implementation date of March 31, 2010, for two new requirements of 10 CFR part 73. Specifically, HBRSEP would be granted an exemption from being in full compliance with certain new requirements contained in 10 CFR 73.55, “Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage,” by the March 31, 2010, deadline. The licensee has proposed an alternate full compliance implementation date of December 30, 2010, approximately 9 months beyond the date required by 10 CFR part 73. The proposed action, an extension of the schedule for completion of certain actions required by the revised 10 CFR part 73, does not involve any physical changes to the reactor, fuel, plant structures, support structures, water, or land at the HBRSEP site.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated November 30, 2009.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The licensee has stated that it has performed an extensive evaluation of the revised 10 CFR part 73 and will achieve compliance with a vast majority of the revised rule by the March 31, 2010, compliance date. However, the licensee has determined that implementation of two specific provisions of the rule will require more time to implement because they involve upgrades to the security system that require significant physical modifications (*e.g.*, the relocation of certain security assets to a new security building that will be constructed, and the addition of certain power supplies). Therefore, the licensee proposes to extend the compliance date beyond March 31, 2010, to December 30, 2010, in order to complete these security modifications.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its environmental assessment of the