

It should be noted that the potential design changes being considered for SESTAT will not result in any change in the population covered by SESTAT, nor will it have an impact on race/ethnicity and other diversity data produced by SESTAT. The potential design changes, however, could impact the precision level for SESTAT estimates of the recent graduates population. Since the NSRCG sample selection targets recent college graduates and the NSCG sample selection targets young college graduates, the evaluation will examine the impact of providing data on young graduates rather than recent graduates.

The NCSES is interested in all comments, especially from government policy makers, academic researchers, and NSRCG data users that specify concerns related to the possibility of discontinuing the NSRCG.

DATES: Send your written comments by January 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to Dr. Lynda T. Carlson, Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 965, Arlington, VA 22230. Send email comments to lcarlson@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lynda T. Carlson, Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, at (703) 292-7766, or email at <mailto:lcarlson@nsf.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The NSF has been responsible for providing information about the nation's scientists and engineers for over 60 years. NSF's Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT) originally was developed in response to recommendations from the 1989 National Academies Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) report, *Surveying the Nation's Scientists and Engineers—A Data System for the 1990s*. Prior to the 2010 survey cycle, the NSCG selected its sample from the decennial census long form to provide a baseline for a longitudinal cohort study of college graduates residing in the United States over the decade. The NSRCG was used to biennially update the NSCG cohort over the decade with more recent college graduates in S&E degree fields. On a per case basis, the NSRCG is the most expensive of the three SESTAT surveys due to its two-stage sampling design (stage 1 is a sample of academic institutions and stage 2 is a sample of S&E bachelor's and master's graduates) and the

difficulty of tracking its highly mobile target population. Nonetheless, without the NSRCG, SESTAT would not have been able to provide data for recent college graduates in S&E degree fields.

In the 2008 National Academies CNSTAT report, *Using the American Community Survey for the National Science Foundation's Science and Engineering Workforce Statistics* Program, Recommendation 7.5 reads: "The NSF should use the opportunity afforded by the introduction of the ACS as a sampling frame to reconsider the design of the SESTAT Program and the contents of its component surveys." Recommendation 7.5 stemmed from the discontinuation of the decennial census long form by the Census Bureau, the availability of the ACS as a sampling frame, and the addition of a question to the ACS requesting respondents' field of bachelor's degree.

The change to an ACS-based sample design for the NSCG allows the NSF an opportunity to rethink SESTAT, particularly whether the NSRCG is the most efficient and timely way to obtain information on the inflow of new graduates. Moving forward, a data system that would no longer require the NSRCG is a potential option. In place of the discontinued NSRCG, one possibility is to utilize an enhanced NSCG with an increased sample of young college graduates in S&E degree fields.

B. Request for Comments

NCSES is seeking additional information from the public. Governmental policy makers, academic researchers, NSRCG data users, and other interested parties are encouraged to participate by submitting comments. Official address, contact, and due date for submitting comments are stated above.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2011-0265]

NUREG-1556, Volume 2, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses Program-Specific Guidance About Industrial Radiography Licenses;" Draft Guidance for Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising its licensing guidance for industrial radiography licensees. The NRC has issued for public comment a document entitled: NUREG-1556, Volume 2, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Industrial Radiography Licenses, Draft Report for Comment."

The document has been updated to include safety culture, security of radioactive materials, protection of sensitive information, an appendix on lay-barges and offshore radiography, and incorporated changes in regulatory policies and practices.

The NRC originally published NUREG-1556, Volume 2, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Industrial Radiography Licenses" in August 1998. This document is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff and will also be available to Agreement States.

DATES: Please submit comments by January 13, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0265 in the subject line of your comments. For additional instructions on submitting comments and instructions on accessing documents related to this action, see "Submitting Comments and Accessing Information" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2011-0265. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: (301) 492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

• *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

• *Fax comments to:* RADB at (301) 492-3446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

You can access publicly available documents related to this document using the following methods:

• *NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):* The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

• *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-(800) 397-4209, (301) 415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The NUREG-1556, Volume 2, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Industrial Radiography Licenses, Draft Report for Comment" is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML11312A123.

• *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be

found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0265.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tomas Herrera, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, telephone (301) 415-7138, email: Tomas.Herrera@nrc.gov.

NRC's Public Web site: The document will also be posted on NRC's public Web Site at: (1) <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/> on the "Consolidated guidance About Materials Licenses (NUREG-1556)" under Volume 2, Revision 1 and (2) <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/docs4comment.html> on the "Draft NUREG-Series Publications for Comment."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of November 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2011-0266]

Draft Interim Staff Guidance: Evaluations of Uranium Recovery Facility Surveys of Radon and Radon Progeny in Air and Demonstrations of Compliance

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft staff interim guidance for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment draft Interim Staff Guidance, "Evaluations of Uranium Recovery Facility Surveys of Radon and Radon Progeny in Air and Demonstrations of Compliance with 10 CFR 20.1301." This Interim Staff Guidance provides guidance to the NRC staff for evaluating uranium recovery licensee demonstrations of compliance with the public dose limits of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 20.1301.

DATES: Submit comments by January 20, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure

consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0266 in the subject line of your comments. For additional instructions on submitting comments and instructions on accessing documents related to this action, see "Submitting Comments and Accessing Information" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

• *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2011-0266. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: (301) 492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

• *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

• *Fax comments to:* RADB at (301) 492-3446.

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