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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Comment Request: Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Jurisdictional Survey

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 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. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 66167 and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed 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>.

**DATES:** Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by OMB within 30 days of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**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 email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292-7556.

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

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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:* Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Jurisdictional Survey Evaluation for the National Science Foundation.

*OMB Number:* 3145-NEW.

*Type of Request:* Initial Clearance.

#### Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 507-81st Congress, as amended) stated that “\* \* \* it shall be an objective of the Foundation to strengthen science and engineering research potential and education at all levels throughout the United States; and avoid undue concentration of such research and education, respectively.” This Congressional directive recognized the inherent value of a truly national scientific and engineering (S&E) research enterprise. Over time, however, the nation’s S&E efforts became concentrated geographically, focusing primarily on a limited number of major research universities. The NSF’s resources became concentrated to the point where in 1977, in response to congressional concerns; the National Science Board established a task force to examine the geographical distribution of NSF awards. The issue was discussed at the 195th meeting of the NSB. Approval was requested for initiation of a program designed to “stimulate competitive research in regions of the country that were less able to compete successfully for research funds.” In 1978 the NSB approved a resolution (NSB-78-12) establishing the *Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)* and the general guidelines for its management.

The mission of EPSCoR is to assist the National Science Foundation in its statutory function “to strengthen research and education in science and engineering throughout the United States and to avoid undue concentration of such research and education.”

The EPSCoR goals are to: (1) Provide strategic programs and opportunities for EPSCoR participants that stimulate sustainable improvements in their R&D capacity and competitiveness; and (2) advance science and engineering capabilities in EPSCoR jurisdictions for

discovery, innovation, and overall knowledge-based prosperity.

The EPSCoR objectives are to: (1) Catalyze key research themes and related activities within and among EPSCoR jurisdictions that empower knowledge generation, dissemination and application; (2) activate effective jurisdictional and regional collaborations among academic, government and private sector stakeholders that advance scientific research, promote innovation and provide multiple societal benefits; (3) broaden participation in science and engineering by institutions, organizations and people within and among EPSCoR jurisdictions; and (4) use EPSCoR for development, implementation and evaluation of future programmatic experiments that motivate positive change and progression.

#### Expected Respondents

The respondents will be current and former EPSCoR awardees based at academic; state and local governments; and non-profit organizations. Quantitative procedures will be fielded using Web-based modes. Up to 200 EPSCoR awardees will be contacted to request their participation in the survey. As needed, each EPSCoR awardee will be contacted with reminders to complete the survey no more than twice during the survey’s duration under this generic clearance. Technology will be heavily utilized to limit the burden on respondents.

#### Use of the Information

The purpose of this survey of EPSCoR awardees is to better understand outcomes of NSF EPSCoR-related investments. The data will be used internally to inform NSF as it considers future improvements to the EPSCoR program, and to gain a better understanding regarding the program’s impact on associated research and education activities. Findings may be presented externally to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in technical papers at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals.

#### Burden on the Public

*Number of Respondents:* 87.  
*Average Number of Hour per Response:* 30.

*Overall Burden Request (in hours):* 2639.

*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 included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370; NRC-2012-0185]

### Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment request, opportunity to comment, opportunity to request a hearing.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by September 10, 2012. A request for a hearing must be filed by October 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publically available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2012-0185. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0185. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto: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.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon H. Thompson, Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-1119; email: [Jon.Thompson@nrc.gov](mailto:Jon.Thompson@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0185 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0185.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The application for amendment, dated December 5, 2011, is available electronically under ADAMS Accession No. ML11341A110.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

##### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2012-0185 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your

comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

#### II. Further Information

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. 50-369 and 50-370 issued to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the licensee) for operation of the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification 3.3.1, "Reactor Trip System (RTS) Instrumentation," Table 3.3.1-1, "Reactor Trip System Instrumentation," Function 16(e) to replace the phrase "Turbine Impulse Pressure" with "Turbine Inlet Pressure."

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR