

Under the proposed Decree, the Transocean Defendants will pay a \$1 billion civil penalty. The proposed Decree does not conclude any claim against the Transocean Defendants other than those claims for penalty specified in the proposed Decree. The proposed Decree also does not resolve any claim brought against other defendants in this civil enforcement action.

Also under the proposed Decree, the Transocean Defendants must comply with court-enforceable strictures aimed at reducing the chances of another blowout-and-discharge-of-oil and at improving emergency response capabilities. Examples of these requirements include: Certifications of maintenance and repair of blowout preventers before each drilling job, consideration of process safety risks, and personnel training related to oil spills and responses to other emergencies. The Transocean Defendants will have to meet these requirements for at least five years on all their drilling operations in waters near the United States.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Decree. The 21-day period (and not a longer period of time) is provided to ensure both a proper public comment period and an opportunity for the Department of Justice to receive, consider, and address public comments before the first phase of the civil trial, scheduled to begin on February 25, 2013, before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production et al*, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (centralized in MDL 2179: *In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico*, April 20, 2012), D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-10026.

During the public comment period, the proposed Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/ConsentDecrees.html>. A copy of the proposed Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or emailing a request to "Consent Decree Copy" (EESDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation

number (202) 514-5271. If requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$19.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if requesting by fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the address given above.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ASTM International Standards

Notice is hereby given that, on December 12, 2012, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), ASTM International ("ASTM") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM standards activities originating between September and December 2012 designated as Work Items. A complete listing of ASTM Work Items, along with a brief description of each, is available at <http://www.astm.org>.

On September 15, 2004, ASTM filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 10, 2012. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2012 (77 FR 61786).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

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 National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of 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 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 to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by March 11, 2013 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 292-7556, or send email 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: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0019.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2014.

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

1. *Abstract:* Established within the National Science Foundation by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center