

Burden Hours per Respondent: 80.3.
Total burden hours: 4417.
Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: n/a.
Total Annual Costs: \$121,409.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: October 22, 2013.

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Management Analyst, Office of Policy, Planning, Research, and Communication.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that thirteen meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows (ending time is approximate):

Opera (application review): This meeting will be closed.

Dates: November 12, 2013. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time in Room 716. (Note—this meeting replaces the meeting on October 31, 2013, which has been cancelled.)

Arts Education (application review): This meeting will be closed.

Dates: November 14, 2013 in Room 714. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Music (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 13, 2013. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Theater and Musical Theater (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 14, 2013. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Theater and Musical Theater (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 18, 2013. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Music (application review): This meeting will be closed.

Dates: November 19, 2013. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time in room 714.

Music (application review): This meeting will be closed.

Dates: November 20, 2013. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time in room 714.

Local Arts Agencies (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 21, 2013. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Presenting and Multidisciplinary Works (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 21, 2013. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Dance (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 22, 2013. 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Dance (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 22, 2013. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Theater and Musical Theater (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 25, 2013. 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Theater and Musical Theater (application review): This meeting will be virtual and will be closed.

Dates: November 25, 2013. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; plowitzk@arts.gov, or call 202/682-5691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 15, 2012, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Dated: October 21, 2013.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Investigative Hearing

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013, and Thursday, November 7, 2013, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene an investigative hearing to gather additional factual information for the ongoing investigation into two Metro-North Railroad accidents that occurred in May 2013. The NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman will preside over the Investigative Hearing.

On Friday, May 17, 2013, at 6:01 p.m. eastern daylight time, eastbound Metro-North Railroad passenger train 1548, (departing Grand Central Station, NY toward New Haven, CT) derailed near milepost 53.3 on track number 4 and was struck by westbound Metro-North Railroad passenger train 1581 (departing New Haven toward Grand Central Station). As a result of the collision, 73 passengers, two engineers, and a conductor were transported to local hospitals with injuries. Metro-North estimated there were about 250 passengers on each train at the time of the accident. Metro-North estimated damage at \$18.5 million.

On Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 11:57 a.m. eastern daylight time, Metro-North Railroad passenger train 1559, traveling westbound at 70 mph, struck and killed a track foreman working on the Metro-North New Haven Line, Subdivision 7, in West Haven, CT. The accident occurred at milepost 69.58 on main track 1. The track foreman's planned work for the day consisted of relocating rail segments from main track 1 to industrial track 5 between control points 266 and 271 near the West Haven Station using a locomotive crane. There were two rail traffic controllers (RTCs) assigned to Division G, the Division where the track foreman was working: (1) A qualified RTC and (2) a student RTC, who was training under the mentorship of the qualified RTC. The student RTC was receiving on-the-job training and was the RTC who applied the blocking devices for this work crew and issued the working authority, thus taking the track out-of-service.

As a result of the West Haven accident, on June 17, 2013, the Board released an urgent recommendation to Metro-North to require redundant protection, such as shunting, for maintenance-of-way work crews who depend on the train dispatcher to control access to occupied sections of track. A shunt is a device that crews can attach to the rails in a work zone to alert

the controller and provides approaching trains a stop signal.

The investigative hearing will discuss the following issue areas:

- Adequacy of existing Federal track inspection standards, and the adequacy of Metro-North's track maintenance and inspection program;

- Adequacy of existing Federal passenger car safety standards emphasizing 'forward end' car requirements, and the crashworthiness of Metro-North's M8 railcars emphasizing the rear (B) end corner post and truck attachment;

- Metro-North's operational protection of track work areas; and
- Metro-North's organizational safety culture.

Parties to the hearing include the Federal Railroad Administration, State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Metro-North Railroad, Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department, Association of Commuter Railroad Employees, Kawasaki Rail Car, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Sheet Metal and Rail Transportation Employees, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.

At the start of the hearing, the public docket will be opened. Included in the docket are photographs, interview transcripts, and numerous other documents.

Order of Proceedings

1. Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry
2. Introduction of the Board of Inquiry and Technical Panel
3. Introduction of the Parties to the Hearing
4. Introduction of Exhibits by Hearing Officer
5. Overview of the incident and the investigation by Investigator-In-Charge
6. Calling of Witnesses by Hearing Officer and Examination of Witness by Board of Inquiry, Technical Panel, and Parties
7. Closing Statement by the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry

The hearing docket is DCA13MR003.

The Investigative Hearing will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza E. SW., Washington, DC, Wednesday, November 6, and Thursday, November 7, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The public can view the hearing in person or by live webcast at www.nts.gov. Webcast archives are generally available by the end of the next day following the hearing, and webcasts are archived for a period of 3 months from after the date of the event.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Ms. Rochelle Hall at (202) 314-6305 or by email at Rochelle.Hall@ntsb.gov by Friday, November 1, 2013.

NTSB Media Contact: Mr. Terry Williams—terry.williams@ntsb.gov.

NTSB Investigative Hearing Officer: Mr. Mike Flanigan—mike.flanigan@ntsb.gov.

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Candi R. Bing,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2011-0129]

Preoperational Testing of Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Pressurized-Water Reactors

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory Guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revision to regulatory guide (RG), 1.79, "Preoperational Testing of Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Pressurized-Water Reactors." This RG is being revised to incorporate guidance for preoperational testing of new pressurized water reactor (PWR) designs.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0129 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0129. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *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. 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. Revision 2 of RG 1.79 is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML113540207. The regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML113540212.

- *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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Talbot, telephone: 301-415-3145, email: Frank.Talbot@nrc.gov, Office of New Reactors, or Mark P. Orr, telephone: 301-251-7495, email: Mark.Orr@nrc.gov, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

This revision of RG 1.79 describes the general scope and depth the NRC staff considers acceptable for demonstrating compliance with the NRC regulations relating to preoperational testing of features in the emergency core cooling systems (ECCSs) of pressurized water reactors (PWRs). This RG also describes methods the NRC staff finds acceptable for preoperational testing of ECCS structures, systems, and components (SSCs). Appendix A of RG 1.79 contains a discussion of the ECCS for the current fleet of PWRs as well as diagrams and descriptions of the ECCS for advanced PWR designs including the U.S. Advanced Pressurized-Water Reactor, U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor, and AP1000.

This RG describes preoperational testing methods acceptable to the NRC staff specifically for ECCSs in PWRs. This RG is applicable to all PWRs