

DATES: *Public Hearing:* April 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. *Requests to Participate:* Submit requests to participate at the meeting by March 24, 2014. *Written Comments:* Written comments received by May 1, 2014 will be part of the record.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW., Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gladstone Payton, Congressional Affairs Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, gpayton@imls.gov. Written comments should be directed to comments@imls.gov. Comments received by May 1, 2014 will be part of the record. Requests to participate in the hearing should be directed to comments@imls.gov by March 24, 2014. To make special arrangements for persons with disabilities, contact: elyons@imls.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the nation's 123,000 school, public, research and academic libraries and the millions of Americans that they serve, it is vital that libraries have the high speed internet connections the public demands for educational, cultural, health and workforce information and services. Presidential initiatives like Connect-Ed and the FCC Chairman's call for modernization of the E-rate program have put a spotlight on the urgency to equip schools and libraries with high speed broadband connections. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy to ensure the availability of museum, library and information services adequate to meet the essential information, education, research, economic, cultural and civic needs of the people of the United States. See 20 U.S.C. Section 9103(c)(1). In carrying out this responsibility, IMLS is authorized to engage with Federal, State, and local government agencies and private entities in assessing current needs and coordinating the development of plans, policies, and activities to meet such needs effectively. *Id.* at Section (c)(2). Pursuant to the authority granted in 20 U.S.C. Section 9110, IMLS is conducting this public hearing for the purpose of establishing a public record specifically focused on the need for and impact of high speed broadband connectivity in America's libraries.

The Institute will hear from witnesses on the following topics:

Panel One: The Vision, What's Working: This panel will explore innovative practices and partnerships

that are serving individuals and communities well.

Panel Two: The Data: This panel will explore what is known about broadband connections and services in America's libraries.

Panel Three: The Urgency, What's At Risk: This panel will explore risks associated with insufficient connectivity in libraries.

The hearing is open to the public, subject to space availability. Written comments for the hearing will be accepted and must be received on or before May 1, 2014, in order to be included in the hearing record. Each comment must include the author's name and organizational affiliation, if any.

Signed: March 5, 2014.

Nancy E. Weiss,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Sunshine Act Meetings: March 2014

TIME AND DATES: All meetings are held at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11;
Wednesday, March 12;
Thursday, March 13;
Tuesday, March 18;
Wednesday, March 19;
Thursday, March 20;
Tuesday, March 25;
Wednesday, March 26;
Thursday, March 27.

PLACE: Board Agenda Room, No. 11820, 1099 14th St. NW., Washington, DC 20570.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Pursuant to § 102.139(a) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Board or a panel thereof will consider "the issuance of a subpoena, the Board's participation in a civil action or proceeding or an arbitration, or the initiation, conduct, or disposition . . . of particular representation or unfair labor practice proceedings under section 8, 9, or 10 of the [National Labor Relations] Act, or any court proceedings collateral or ancillary thereto." See also 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Henry Breitenreicher, Associate Executive Secretary, (202) 273-2917.

Dated: March 7, 2014.

William B. Cowen,
Solicitor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Research Performance Progress Report Updates

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) for use with interim progress reports resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). The updated RPPR will directly benefit award recipients by making it easier for them to administer Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information required in interim and final performance reports—thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs. The RPPR will also make it easier to compare the outputs, outcomes, etc. of research programs across the government.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, email: splimpto@nsf.gov; telephone: (703) 292-7556; FAX: (703) 292-9242. We encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that comments mailed will be received before the comment closing date. Please include "Research Performance Progress Reporting" in the subject line of the email message; please also include the full body of your comments in the text of the message and as an attachment. Include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address in your message. To view the RPPR format, see: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rppr/index.jsp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the RPPR, contact Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution & Support, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, email: jfeldman@nsf.gov; telephone (703) 292-8243; FAX: (703) 292-9171. For further information on the NSTC RBM Interagency Working Group, contact Kei Koizumi, at the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 1650 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20504; email:

kkoizumi@ostp.eop.gov; telephone 202–456–6133; FAX 202–456–6021. See also the RBM Working Group’s Internet Web site located at: <http://rbm.nih.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: One of the RBM Subcommittee’s priority areas is to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it is important for Federal agencies to manage awards in a similar fashion. On behalf of the RBM Subcommittee, the NSF has agreed to continue to serve as the “sponsor” of this updated Federal-wide format.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of agencies funding research and research-related activities, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected from respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (c) 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.

After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF on behalf of the RBM, will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

I. Background

The NSF, on behalf of the National Science & Technology Council’s Research Business Models Interagency Working Group, is soliciting public comment on a revised standardized RPPR format. The NSF has agreed to continue to serve as the “sponsor” of this Federal-wide format for receipt of comments under this interagency initiative. After an updated format is adopted, Agencies will be required to submit, through the PRA, revisions to their currently approved performance progress reporting information collections in order to comply with the updated RPPR format.

Development and maintenance of a standardized RPPR is an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Interagency Working Group of the Committee on Science (CoS), a Committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). The objective of this initiative is to implement and maintain a uniform format for reporting performance on Federally-funded research projects. Prior to the implementation of a uniform format, Federal agencies

utilized a variety of formats for reporting progress on activities supported by research grants, though similar information was usually collected. These variations increased administrative effort and costs for recipients of Federal awards and made it difficult to compare research programs across government. This format directly benefits award recipients by making it easier for recipients to administer Federal grant programs through standardization of the types of research information required in performance reports.

The RPPR format was approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), which released the Policy on Research Performance Progress Report in April 2010. The OMB/OSTP-issued Policy specified that the RPPR would be used by agencies and awarding offices that support research and research-related activities for use in submission of required annual or other interim performance reporting on grants and cooperative agreements. The RPPR is intended to address progress for the most recently completed period, at the frequency required or designated by the sponsoring agency. As indicated in the **Federal Register** [75 FR 1816–1819, January 13, 2010], the development of a final RPPR format would take place upon completion of the interim RPPR exercise.

A working group was established in March 2013 to handle development of a final RPPR format. Representatives from thirteen different departments/agencies comprised the group. Drawing from agency experiences and perspectives, the group discussed potential revisions to the RPPR format. The group recommended changes in order to allow the format to be used for submission of both interim and final progress reports. Several amendments have been inserted throughout the document to update it, though the proposed revised format retains the same overall structure as the original format.

Each of the categories specified is a separate reporting component. Federal agencies will direct recipients to report on the mandatory category and may also require reporting on optional categories, as appropriate. Recipients will not be required or expected to report on each of the questions or items listed under a particular category. They will be advised to state “Nothing to report” if they have nothing significant to report.

Agencies will utilize the standard instructions that have been developed for each category, but may provide additional program-specific instructions

necessary to clarify a requirement for a particular program.

Agencies also may develop additional agency- or program-specific reporting categories and instructions (e.g., the National Institutes of Health may need to collect additional information on clinical trial awards); however, to maintain maximum uniformity, agencies are instructed to minimize the degree to which they supplement the standard categories.

II. Proposed Revisions to Report Format

The proposed revised format for interim and final performance progress reporting on grants and cooperative agreements awarded under research programs is available on the NSF Web site at: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rppr/index.jsp>.

Revisions to the format have been made so that it may be used for both interim and final reports. Each report will cover one reporting period (annual or other interim period at the frequency required or designated by the agency). Instructions that are specific to the final reporting period will be included as applicable in the format. The recommendation is made to maintain consistency between interim and final reporting for both agencies and recipients.

All existing categories will be retained, and one new category is proposed. The new optional category will be entitled “Project Outcomes” and is intended to be completed as part of the final report. This category enables agencies to collect a summary of outcomes or findings of the award, thereby capturing cumulative information needed by several agencies.

Language was revised throughout the report. First, language was clarified where necessary. Second, terminology was made more inclusive of research-related activities. Third, verbs were made past tense where appropriate.

New information, questions, or instructions were inserted throughout the format. More examples of “other products” were added. The Participants section now has a question on active other support. The Impact section contains a new question on the impact on teaching and educational experiences. Finally, a new, optional category, Project Outcomes, was added.

To accompany the revisions in the RPPR Format, amendments were also made to the RPPR Data Dictionary. New or amended data elements or fields correspond to their counterparts in the RPPR Format.

Dated: March 4, 2014.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science
Foundation.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Forum—Cruise Ships: Examining Safety, Operations and Oversight

On Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25–26, 2014, The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene a forum titled, “Cruise Ships: Examining Safety, Operations and Oversight.” The forum will begin at 9:00 a.m. on both days and is open to all. Attendance is free, and no registration is required. NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman will serve as the Presiding Officer of the forum, and all five NTSB board members will serve as members of the Board of Inquiry. The forum is organized into six issue areas:

- Regulatory Framework
- Accident Investigations
- Ship Design and Fire Protection
- Vessel Operations
- Emergency Response
- Corporate Oversight

The forum will also explore some recent high-profile accidents. The forum’s goal is to encourage dialogue among industry stakeholders, regulators, and the general public to better understand cruise ship safety and oversight. Invited panelists will include regulators such as the U.S. Coast Guard, vessel owners and operators, researchers and industry groups. Below is the preliminary agenda:

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

1. Opening Statement by Chairman Hersman.
2. Opening presentation by the U.S. Coast Guard.
3. Introduction of the Technical Panels and Panelists.
4. Presentations from Panels One, Two, and Three and questions from the Board of Inquiry and the Technical Panels.
5. Closing Statement by Chairman Hersman

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

1. Opening Statement by Chairman Hersman.
2. Opening presentation by the Cruise Lines International Association.
3. Introduction of the Technical Panels and Panelists.

4. Presentations from Panels Four, Five, and Six and questions from the Board of Inquiry and the Technical Panels.

5. Closing statement by Chairman Hersman.

The full agenda and a list of participants can be found at: <http://www.nts.gov/news/events/2014/cruiseshipforum/index.html>.

The forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L’Enfant Plaza E. SW., Washington, DC. The public can view the forum in person or by live webcast at <http://www.nts.gov>. Webcast archives are generally available by the end of the next day following the forum, and webcasts are archived for a period of 3 months after the date of the event.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation and/or wheelchair access directions should contact Ms. Rochelle Hall at Rochelle.hall@nts.gov or by telephone at (202) 314-6305 by Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

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NTSB Forum Managers: Liam LaRue—liam.larue@nts.gov, Barry Strauch, Ph.D.—barry.strauch@nts.gov.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2013-0226]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on November 4, 2013 (78 FR 66076).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 4, “Cumulative Occupational Dose History.”

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0005.

4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 4.

5. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion. The NRC does not collect NRC Form 4. However, NRC inspects the NRC Form 4 records at NRC-licensed facilities.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC licensees who are required to comply with Part 20 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 227,846 (223,700 third party disclosure + 4,146 recordkeepers).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 4,146.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 31,234 (24,523 recordkeeping + 6,711 third party disclosure).

10. *Abstract:* The NRC Form 4 is used to record the summary of an occupational worker’s cumulative occupational radiation dose, including prior occupational exposure and the current year’s occupational radiation exposure. The NRC Form 4 is used by licensees, and inspected by the NRC, to ensure that occupational radiation doses do not exceed the regulatory limits specified in 10 CFR 20.1501.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly-available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC’s Public Document Room, Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC’s Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>.

The document will be available on the NRC’s home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 10, 2014. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Danielle Y. Jones, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0005), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to Danielle_Y_Jones@omb.eop.gov or