

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Establish an Information Collection**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 18, 2016 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

For Additional Information or Comments: Ms. Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (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: Grantee Reporting Requirements for Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs).

OMB Number: 3145–0230.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection.

Overview of This Information Collection

The Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs) Program supports innovation in interdisciplinary research, education, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge

thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

MRSECs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. MRSECs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

MRSECs are required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which are used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, MRSECs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via the Research Performance Project Reporting module in Research.gov and an external technical assistance contractor that collects programmatic data electronically. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the MRSEC effort. Such reporting requirements are included in the cooperative agreement that is binding between the academic institution and NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) shared experimental facilities, (6) diversity, (7) management, and (8) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

MRSECs are required to file a final report through the RPPR and external technical assistance contractor. Final reports contain similar information and metrics as annual reports, effectively they constitute the last annual report; the Program Officer maintains a cumulative database with all relevant achievements and metrics.

Use of the Information: NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

Estimate of Burden: 80 hours per center for 21 centers for a total of 1,680 hours.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions.
Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the 21 MRSECs.

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.

Dated: May 16, 2016.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Proposal Review Panel for Computing and Communication Foundations; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Proposal Panel Review for Computing and Communication Foundations—Science and Technology Centers—Integrative Partnerships (#1192) Site Visit.

Date/Time:

June 7, 2016; 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

June 8, 2016; 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

June 9, 2016; 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Place: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA 02139.

Type of Meeting: Part Open.

Contact Person: John Cozzens, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1115, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292–8910.

Purpose of Meeting: Site visit to assess the progress of the STC Award: 1231216 “A Center for Brains, Minds and Machines: the Science and the Technology of Intelligence”, and to provide advise and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

Agenda: MIT Site Visit.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Closed

Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Open

Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff and students, to Site Team and NSF Staff; Discussions, question and answer sessions

1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.: Closed

Draft report on education and research activities

Thursday, June 9, 2016

8:30 a.m.–noon: Open

Response presentations by Site Team and NSF Staff Awardee Institution faculty staff; Discussions, question and answer sessions

Noon to 3:00 p.m.: Closed

Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

Reason for Closing: The program review include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the award. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 16, 2016.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[RIS–2016–06; NRC–2011–0146]

NRC Regulation of Radium-226 Under Military Control and for Coordination on Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Response Actions at the U.S. Department of Defense Sites With Radioactive Materials

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory issue summary; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a regulatory issues summary (RIS) NRC–2016–06, “NRC Regulation of Radium-226 Under Military Control and for Coordination on Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Response Actions at the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Sites with Radioactive Materials,” and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NRC and the DoD for coordination on CERCLA response actions at DoD sites with unlicensed radioactive materials.

DATES: This RIS was issued on May 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2011–0146 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding these documents. You may obtain publicly-available information related to these documents using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2011–0146. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection 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 (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *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.

- The RIS is also available on the NRC’s public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/> (select 2016 and then select “RIS–2016–06”).

- The MOU is also available on the NRC’s public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1609/ML16092A294.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The RIS summarizes the NRC’s regulatory oversight of radium-226 under military control, and explains that the NRC and the DoD will coordinate on CERCLA response actions at the DoD sites with radioactive material, including radium, that is not licensed under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA) through an MOU. On April 28, 2016, the NRC and the DoD entered into an MOU that governs both agencies’ roles and responsibilities with respect to the DoD’s CERCLA response actions for radium contamination and other unlicensed material contamination.

The final RIS and an enclosure containing a summary of public comments on the draft RIS and NRC’s responses are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15167A324. The MOU is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16092A294.

II. Congressional Review Act

This RIS is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of May 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Christopher McKenney,

Acting Director, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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