(3) All nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment to be used in return airways will be examined by surveying personnel prior to use to ensure the equipment is being maintained in a safe operating condition. The examination will include the following:

(a) Checking the instrument for any physical damage and the integrity of the case.

(b) Removing the battery and inspecting for corrosion.

(c) Inspecting the contact points to ensure a secure connection to the battery.

(d) Reinserting the battery and powering up and shutting down to ensure proper connections.

(e) Checking the battery compartment cover or battery attachment to ensure that it is securely fastened.

(4) The results of the examinations will be recorded and retained for 1 year and made available to MSHA on request.

(5) A qualified person, as defined in 30 CFR 75.151, will continuously monitor for methane immediately before and during the use of nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment in return airways.

(6) Nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment will not be used if methane is detected in concentrations at or above 1.0 percent for the area being surveyed. When 1.0 percent or more methane is detected while such equipment is being used, the equipment will be de-energized immediately and withdrawn out of the return airway.

(7) All hand-held methane detectors will be MSHA-approved and maintained in permissible and proper operating condition, as defined in 30 CFR 75.320.

(8) Batteries in the nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment will be changed out or charged in fresh air out of the return airway.

(9) Qualified personnel who use surveying equipment will be properly trained to recognize the hazards associated with the use of nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment in areas where methane may be present.

(10) The nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment will not be put into service in the return airway until MSHA has initially inspected the equipment and determined that it is in compliance with all the terms and conditions in this petition.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the existing standard.

Sheila McConnell,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register**, 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 this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by July 25, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, 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).

Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703–292–7556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information 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.

Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Title of Collection: Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Forms.

OMB Number: 3145–0203.

Overview of this Information Collection: Five organizational units within the Directorate of Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation will use the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form. They are the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI), the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems IOS) and Emerging Frontiers (EF). All scientists submitting proposals to these units will be asked to complete an electronic version of the Proposal Classification Form. The form consists of brief questions about the substance of the research and the investigator's previous federal support. Each division will have a slightly different version of the form. In this way, submitters will only confront response choices that are relevant to their discipline.

Use of the Information: The information gathered with the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form serves two main purposes. The first is facilitation of the proposal review process. Since peer review is a key component of NSF's grant-making process, it is imperative that proposals are reviewed by scientists with appropriate expertise. The information collected with the Proposal Classification Form helps ensure that the proposals are evaluated by specialists who are well versed in appropriate subject matter. This helps maintain a fair and equitable review process.

The second use of the information is program evaluation. The Directorate is committed to investing in a range of substantive areas. With data from this

collection, the Directorate can calculate submission rates and funding rates in specific areas of research. Similarly, the information can be used to identify emerging areas of research, evaluate changing infrastructure needs in the research community, and track the amount of international research. As the National Science Foundation is committed to funding cutting-edge science, these factors all have implications for program management.

The Directorate of Biological Sciences has a continuing commitment to monitor its information collection in order to preserve its applicability and necessity. Through periodic updates and revisions, the Directorate ensures that only useful, non-redundant information is collected. These efforts will reduce excessive reporting burdens.

Burden on the Public: The Directorate estimates that an average of five minutes is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 6,500 responses are expected during the course of one year for a total of 542 public burden hours annually.

Expected Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,500.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 542 hours.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Dated: June 20, 2019.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Listening Session on Interoperability of Medical Devices, Data, and Platforms To Enhance Patient Care

AGENCY: Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO), National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of listening session.

SUMMARY: This listening session will focus on the interoperability of medical devices, data, and platforms to enhance patient care. Federal stakeholders will listen to the community explore solutions that promote a shared future vision of next generation, interoperable, and intelligent health systems. The feedback received from the listening session will provide potential research directions for advancing medical device interoperability.

DATES: July 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The listening session will be held at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), White Oak Campus, Silver Spring, MD. Registration is required for in-person attendance. For more information regarding registration and remote participation please see the listening session website: *https://www.nitrd.gov/nitrdgroups/index.php?title=Medical-Device-Interoperability-2019.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alex Thai at 202–459–9674 or email *HITRD-Interoperability@nitrd.gov*. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview: This notice is issued on behalf of the NITRD Health Information Technology Research & Development (HITRD) Interagency Working Group (IWG). The HITRD IWG is conducting a listening session to engage experts from industry, academia, and government on solutions for advancing medical device interoperability. This listening session builds upon the February 2019 Request for Information (RFI): *Action on Interoperability of Medical Devices, Data, and Platforms to Enhance Patient Care* in which the HITRD IWG inquired whether a vision of sustained interoperability in the hospital and into the community is feasible and, if so, potential solutions to achieve this goal. Further details of the RFI can be found at 84 FR 4544 (February 15, 2019). Responses to the RFI are available on the NITRD website: *HITRD-RFI-Responses-2019.*

The listening session will take place on July 17, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), White Oak Campus, Silver Spring, MD. Space is limited, participation is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is required for in-person attendance and will be closed once we reach capacity. Please see the listening session website for more information on registration and remote participation: *https://www.nitrd.gov/nitrdgroups/index.php?title=Medical-Device-Interoperability-2019.*

Listening Session Goals: HITRD members will use information gathered from this listening session to develop an actionable report to advance medical device interoperability.

Listening Session Objectives: Gather information from the community on the following six topic areas identified from the RFI Responses

- Data, metadata
- Access to control of devices
- Leadership and governance
- Incentives
- Management and modernization of standards
- Infrastructure, tools, and use cases

References:

- 84 FR 4544 (February 2019): *https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/15/2019-02519/request-for-information-action-on-interoperability-of-medical-devices-data-and-platforms-to-enhance*
- HITRD–RFI-Responses-2019: *https://www.nitrd.gov/nitrdgroups/index.php?title=HITRD-RFI-Responses-2019*

Submitted by the National Science Foundation in support of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO) on June 20, 2019.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1861.)

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit modification request received and permit issued.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated and permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification and permit issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8224; email: *ACApermits@nsf.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation (NSF), as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act