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Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: 2022–2024 IMLS Grants to States Program State Program Reporting System Forms

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments, collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. By this notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning a plan to continue the IMLS Grants to States Program State Program Reporting System (SPR) electronic data collection which supports both the financial and performance reporting for all grantees. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before June 20, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Connie Bodner, Ph.D., Director of Grants Policy and Management, Office of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024–2135. Dr. Bodner can be reached by telephone at 202–653–4636, by email at cbodner@imls.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday,

except Federal holidays. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202–207–7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Teresa DeVoe, Associate Deputy Director—State Programs, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024–2135. Ms. DeVoe can be reached by telephone at 202–653–4778, by email at tdevoe@imls.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IMLS is particularly interested in public comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of Federal support for the Nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

The Grants to States program is the largest source of Federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population-based formula, more than \$160 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year. SLAAs are official agencies charged by law with the extension and development of library services, and they are located in each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the five Territories, and the three Freely Associated States.

This action is to renew clearance of the forms and instructions for the IMLS

State Program Reporting System for the next three years. These forms include SPR Reporting System User Documentation; Grants to States Program Report; Financial Status Report; SPR Phase 3 Reporting; State Legal Officer's Certification of the Authorized Certifying Official; and internet Safety Certification for Applicant Public Libraries, Public Elementary and Secondary School Libraries, and Consortia with Public and/or Public School Libraries.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: 2022–2024 IMLS Grants to States Program State Program Reporting System Forms.

OMB Number: 3137–0071.

Frequency: 1 time per year.

Affected Public: State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs).

Number of Respondents: 59.

Estimated Average Burden per Response in hours: 47.83.

Estimated Total Annual Burden in hours: 2,821.97.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: n/a

Total Annual costs: \$86,239.40.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Application of Emergency Provision Under the Antarctic Conservation Act

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of application of emergency provision for hazardous waste to be stored at McMurdo Station, Antarctica for more than 15 months due to an emergency, pursuant to 45 CFR 671.17.

SUMMARY: The Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, is giving notice that an emergency relating to considerations of human health and safety caused hazardous waste to be stored at McMurdo Station for more than 15 months. Hazardous waste in the form of batteries, regulated medical waste, laboratory chemical waste, gas cylinders, paints and solvents, petroleum-based compounds and fuel contaminated soils, with an aggregate of

approximately 385,000 lbs. net weight, was, consistent with waste management best practices, segregated, packaged, and stored in a secured location for removal from the station.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The waste was to be removed in February 2021, at the end of the 2021–2021 season. Due to the world-wide pandemic, the United States Antarctic Program severely curtailed its activities on the continent and directed efforts to activities required to ensure the safe and continuous operation of all three USAP stations and activities required to avoid irreversible damage to science or operational infrastructure. In order to minimize the risk of introducing COVID–19 to the Antarctic continent, personnel was reduced to a minimum and the annual ships for resupply and waste removal were cancelled for the season. The removal of the hazardous waste is a priority for removal during the January–February 2022 time period. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Senior Advisor, Environment at 703–292–7420.

Authority: 45 CFR 671.17.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2021–0048]

Role of Artificial Intelligence Tools in U.S. Commercial Nuclear Power Operations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting public comment on the current state of commercial nuclear power operations relative to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) tools.

DATES: Submit comments by May 21, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search

for Docket ID NRC–2021–0048. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7–A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John C. Lane, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone: 301–415–2476, email: John.Lane@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2021–0048 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2021–0048.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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, at 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The AI/ML general solicitation request for comment is also available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21085A611.

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2021–0048 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

The NRC is exploring the potential for advanced computational and predictive capabilities involving AI and ML in the various phases of nuclear power generation operational experience and plant management. The NRC is soliciting comments on the state of practice, benefits, and future trends related to the advanced computational tools and techniques in predictive reliability and predictive safety assessments in the commercial nuclear power industry.

III. Specific Request for Comment

The NRC requests comments from the public, the nuclear industry and other stakeholders, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. The focus of this request is to gather information that will provide the NRC staff with a better understanding of current usage and future trends in AI and ML in the commercial nuclear power industry.

IV. Requested Information and Comments

AI and ML are emerging, analytical tools, which, if used properly, show promise in their ability to improve reactor safety, yet offer economic savings. The NRC requests comments on issues listed below in this solicitation to enhance the NRC’s understanding of the short- and long-term applications of AI