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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 115(e) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 required the Secretary of Labor to publish proposed regulations which provide that mine rescue teams be available for rescue and recovery work to each underground mine in the event of an emergency. Congress considered the ready availability of mine rescue teams in the event of an accident to be vital protection for miners.

In responding to Congressional concerns, MSHA promulgated 30 CFR 49, Mine Rescue Teams. These regulations set standards related to the availability of mine rescue teams; alternate mine rescue capability for small and remote mines and mines with special mining conditions; inspection and maintenance records of mine rescue equipment and apparatus; physical requirements for mine rescue team members and alternates; and experience and training requirements for team members and alternates.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to Mine Rescue Teams; Arrangements for Emergency Medical Assistance; and Arrangements for Transportation for Injured Persons. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act submission (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

III. Current Actions

This request for review incorporates all paperwork requirements related to mine rescue teams, arrangements for emergency medical assistance, and arrangements for transportation for injured persons.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Mine Rescue Teams; Arrangements for Emergency Medical Assistance; and Arrangements for Transportation for Injured Persons.

OMB Number: 1219-0078.

Recordkeeping: One year.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Burden Hours:

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (in hours)	Burden (in hours)
49.2	1,145	On occasion	147	1.00	146
49.3 and 4	10	On occasion	10	2.00	20
49.6	520	Bimonthly	28,080	0.31	8,580
49.7	520	Annually	3,120	2.13	6,630
49.8	260	Annually	14,456	0.60	8,723
49.9	1,145	On occasion	147	2.00	293
75.1713-1	921	On occasion	116	2.00	233
77.1702	1,601	On occasion	206	2.00	413
Totals	6,122	46,282	0.54	25,037

Estimated Burden Hour Cost:
\$1,040,571.

Estimated Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Estimated Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$460,080.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 1, 2000.

Brenda C. Teaster,

Acting Chief, Records Management Division.
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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 Reports Clearance Officer invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed new information collection. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal**

Register at 65 FR 40143-40144 on June 29, 2000 and no comments were received. NSF will forward the proposed submission to OMB for clearance simultaneous with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) should receive written comments on or before October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 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: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer: National Science Foundation, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton, (703) 292-7556, or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments from Ms. Suzanne Plimpton, NSF's Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, phone (703) 292-7556. 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.

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.

Type of Review: New.

Title: Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies.

Abstract: The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Division of Science Resources Studies (SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the information to policy makers in Congress and throughout the Government. SRS will sponsor quick response studies and focus groups on science and technology subjects, perform cognitive testing to improve survey methodology and questionnaires, and pretest questions for future surveys.

Expected Respondents: Respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and Federal agencies. Data and information collection will be by mail, Internet, World Wide Web, telephone,

visits, and/or focus groups. As the table below shows, as many as 330 institutions will be contacted. No institution will be contacted more than twice in one year. In addition, 40 members of the public may be contacted for a study of public attitudes toward science.

Information from the respondents is needed to provide policy-makers with updates of the economic, financial, employment, and education situation in the science and technology sector of industry, academia, and nonprofit organizations. The information will also help NSF improve its current data collection instruments and processes.

To minimize burden on small entities and to make sure that a high proportion of the science and technology universe is captured, most respondent selection will be designed with probability proportional to size. It is possible that during the 3 years of the survey clearance, NSF will study an issue that focuses on small entities, such as start-up high-technology companies. In this case, every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Information being collected is not considered to be sensitive. The contact letter and/or survey instrument will clearly indicate participation is voluntary and confidential.

Expected Burden:

1. Surveys of institutions	Number of institutions	Hours
Cognitive testing—Survey of Scientific & Engineering Research Facilities	50	100
Cognitive testing—Survey of R&D Funding & Performance by Nonprofit Organizations	30	60
Additional studies not specified	250	6,000
Total Institutions	330	6,160
2. Survey of persons	Number of members of the public (respondents)	Hours
Cognitive testing—Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science & Technology	40	80
Grand Total Institutions and Members of the Public	370	6,240

Frequency: Respondents in the 3 identified studies will be contacted once per year. To meet the needs of policy-makers some respondents in the quick response studies may be contacted twice in one year.

Affected Public: Industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and Federal agencies.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

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Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

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