

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; or (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 of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments regarding the information collection and 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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comment: On May 22, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 24043) a 60-day notice of our intent to request reinstatement of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending July 21, 2009. One comment came from B. Sachau of Florham Park, NJ, via e-mail on May 22, 2009, who objected to this information collection.

Response: (Some background on the program to clarify the survey request is provided.) The Alliances for Broadening Participation in STEM (ABP) includes three programs: the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program; the Bridge to the Doctorate (LSAMP-BD) Activity; and the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program.

This portfolio of programs seeks to increase the number of students successfully completing quality degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Particular emphasis is placed on transforming STEM education through innovative academic strategies and experiences in support of groups that historically have been underrepresented in STEM disciplines: African-Americans, Alaskan Natives, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Pacific Islanders.

Managed synergistically, the ABP cluster enables seamless transitions from the STEM baccalaureate to attainment of the doctorate and entry to the STEM professoriate. ABP support begins at the baccalaureate level through the LSAMP program. LSAMP emphasizes development of broad based regional and national alliances of academic institutions, school districts, State and local governments, and the private sector to increase the diversity and quality of the STEM workforce. Eligible LSAMP undergraduate students may receive continued support for up to two additional years of STEM graduate study through the Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) Activity. The Bridge to the Doctorate provides significant financial support for matriculating candidates in STEM graduate programs at eligible alliance sites.

Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) furthers the graduate education of underrepresented STEM students through the doctorate level, preparing them for fulfilling opportunities and productive careers as STEM faculty and research professionals. AGEP also supports the transformation of institutional culture to attract and retain STEM doctoral students into the professorate. Further information may be found via the AGEP Web page: <http://www.agep.us/index.asp#maincontent>.

NSF believes that because the comment does not contain suggestions for altering the collection of information for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

Title of Collection: National Evaluation of the Alliances for Graduate

Education and the Professoriate Faculty and Student Surveys.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Abstract: The Division of Human Resource Development (EHR/HRD) of the National Science Foundation has requested impact information on the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Program. Funded by NSF, the AGEP Program has funded 28 alliances of colleges and universities to promote the participation of underrepresented minority groups in PhD programs in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The ultimate goal of the program is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in these fields who enter the professoriate. NSF now seeks follow-up information on program participants—that is, students and faculty—to determine what impact the program has had on graduate students' decisions to enroll in and graduate from STEM doctoral programs and enter the professoriate. NSF proposes a one-time on-line survey of STEM graduate students currently enrolled in STEM doctoral programs and faculty members at universities taking part in AGEP.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 30 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the surveys, for a total of 8,250 hours for all respondents. Respondents from the 104 institutions that received NSF AGEP support will be asked to complete this survey once.

Respondents: STEM faculty at AGEP institutions and STEM graduate students at AGEP institutions.

Estimate total number of responses: 16,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,250 hours.

Dated: July 21, 2009.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0323]

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-3038.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information and methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Facilities," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-3038, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-3038 is a proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 3.39, dated January 1976.

This guide endorses the standard format and content for safety analysis reports (SARs) and integrated safety analysis (ISA) summaries described in the current version of NUREG-1718, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for a Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility," as a method that the NRC staff finds acceptable for meeting the regulatory requirements.

Title 10, of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material" (10 CFR part 70), subpart H, "Additional Requirements for Certain Licensees Authorized to Possess a Critical Mass of Special Nuclear Material" identifies risk-informed performance requirements for plutonium processing and fuel fabrication facilities. It requires applicants to complete an ISA and submit an ISA summary and other information to the NRC for approval.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-3038. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-3038 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or

contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Mail comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID [NRC-2009-0323]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

3. *Fax comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

Requests for technical information about DG-3038 may be directed to the NRC contact, Margie Kotzalas at (301) 492-3202 or e-mail to Margie.Kotzalas@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by September 21, 2009. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-3038 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML091750253.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-

0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Extension of Public Scoping Period for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed General Electric—Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is extending the public comment period on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed General Electric—Hitachi (GEH) Global Laser Enrichment (GLE) facility in New Hanover County, North Carolina, to August 31, 2009. The original Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS, which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 9, 2009 (74 FR 16237), indicated public comments should be submitted by June 8, 2009.

On June 26, 2009, GEH submitted additional information to complete an application for a license to authorize the construction and operation of the proposed uranium enrichment facility. The public comment period on the scope of the EIS is being extended to allow members of the public to review publicly-available portions of the license application during the scoping period for the EIS. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit comments regarding the appropriate scope and content of the EIS.

DATES: NRC is extending the public comment period on the scope of the EIS to August 31, 2009. Comments should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practical.