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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Melissa Davis, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, MS4800, 301-975-5039, [melissa.davis@nist.gov](mailto:melissa.davis@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a national network of locally based manufacturing extension centers that assists small- and medium-sized manufacturers to improve their productivity, improve profitability, and enhance their economic competitiveness. The information collected will provide the MEP with information regarding MEP Center performance regarding the delivery of technology, and business solutions to U.S.-based manufacturers. The collected information will assist in determining the performance of the MEP Centers at both local and national levels, provide information critical to monitoring and reporting on MEP programmatic performance, and assist management in policy decisions. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory per the regulations governing the operation of the MEP Program (15 CFR parts 290, 291, 292, and H.R. 1274—section 2). The information collected will include center inputs and activities including services delivered, clients served, center staff, quarterly expenses and revenues, partners, strategic plan, operation plans, and client success stories. No confidentiality for information submitted is promised or provided. In order to reflect new initiatives and new data needs, NIST MEP has identified a need to revise its existing reporting processes by modifying existing reporting elements that will enable NIST MEP to better monitor and assess the extent to which the Centers are meeting program goals and milestones.

**II. Method of Collection**

The information will be collected from the MEP Centers through the MEP Enterprise Information System (MEIS), <https://meis.nist.gov>.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0032.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 51.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 125 hours in year of Annual Review. 175 hours in year of Panel Review.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,375 hours in year of Annual Review. 8,925 hours in year of Panel Review.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**IV. Request for 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time and Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) agency updates on their latest activities

and receive the NEHRP agency responses to the Committee's 2017 biennial and 2018 interim Reports on the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP website at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

**DATES:** The ACEHR will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time. The meeting will continue on Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Katharine Blodgett Gebbie Laboratory Conference Room 1A106, Building 81, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 325 Broadway Street, Boulder, Colorado 80305. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tina Faecke, Management and Program Analyst, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, Engineering Laboratory, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604. Ms. Faecke's email address is [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-5911.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-360). The Committee is composed of 15 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their established records of distinguished service in their professional community, their knowledge of issues affecting NEHRP, and to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities;
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C.

App., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time and Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time. The meeting will be held in the Katharine Blodgett Gebbie Laboratory Conference Room 1A106, Building 81, at NIST, 325 Broadway Street, Boulder, Colorado 80305. The meeting will be open to the public. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the NEHRP agency updates on their latest activities and receive the NEHRP agency responses to the Committee's 2017 biennial and 2018 interim Reports on the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP website at <http://nehrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On November 8, 2018, approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved near the beginning of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. All those wishing to speak must submit their request by email to the attention of Ms. Tina Faecke, [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov), by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are

invited to submit written statements to ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604, via fax at (301) 975–4032, or electronically by email to [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, October 24, 2018, in order to attend. Please submit your full name, email address, and phone number to Tina Faecke. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Ms. Faecke. Ms. Faecke's email address is [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975–5911. For participants attending in person, please note that federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if such license or identification card is issued by a state that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–13), or by a state that has an extension for REAL ID compliance. NIST currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. For detailed information please contact Ms. Faecke at (301) 975–5711 or visit: [http://www.nist.gov/public\\_affairs/visitor/](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/).

**Kevin A. Kimball,**  
Chief of Staff.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427–8401; fax: (301) 713–0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan (Permit No. 22062), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 21295 and 21366), Erin Markin (Permit No. 21467), and Sara Young (Permit No. 21158–02); at (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit or amendment issuance date
21295 .....	0648–XF910	Olga von Ziegler, Winged Whale Research, P.O. Box 15191, Fitz Creek, AK 99603.	82 FR 61752, December 29, 2017.	May 8, 2018.
21366 .....	0648–XG057	Margaret Lamont, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, 7320 NW 71st St., Gainesville, FL 32653.	83 FR 9297, March 5, 2018 .....	May 9, 2018.
21467 .....	0648–XG037	Karen Holloway-Adkins, East Coast Biologists, Inc., P.O. Box 33715, Indialantic, FL 32903.	83 FR 9297, March 5, 2018 .....	May 10, 2018.
22062 .....	0648–XG130	Patricia Fair, Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina, Hollings Marine Laboratory, 331 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412.	83 FR 13736; March 30, 2018 ...	May 1, 2018.
21158–02 .....	0648–XF592	Robert Garrott, Ph.D., Montana State University, 310 Lewis Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717.	83 FR 16343; April 16, 2018 .....	May 24, 2018.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the

activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not