

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above in the address section of this notice.

### III. Current Actions

This information is necessary in order for ETA to analyze program performance, know when corrective action plans are needed and to target technical assistance resources. Without this report, it would be impossible for the ETA to identify claims and benefit activity under the CWC program and carry out the Secretary's responsibility for program oversight.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0029.

*Agency Number:* ETA 586.

*Recordkeeping:* 3 years.

*Affected Public:* State Government.

*Cite/Reference/Form:* ETA Handbook No. 401, ETA 586.

*Total Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Total Responses:* 212.

*Average Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 848.

*Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup):* N/A.

*Total Burden Cost:* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: October 7, 2004.

**Cheryl Atkinson,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-112]

### NASA Advisory Council, Education Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Education Advisory Committee (EAC).

**DATES:** Monday, October 25, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday, October 26, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Monday, October 25 at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA, Tuesday, October 26 at Ritz Carlton, 1401 South Oak Knoll, Pasadena, CA

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Katie Blanding, Office of Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-0402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. All visitors must bring a driver's license or government identification to the Visitor Lobby of JPL. Foreign visitors must bring their passport, alien registration number, and their date and place of birth. Additionally, the general public will need to be escorted to the meeting room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

—NASA Transformation Roadmapping Initiative

—Review of the Jet Propulsion Lab's (JPL) Education Program

—Transforming Education

—NASA's Integration Plan and Role of Education

—Office of Education Division Reports on: Milestones in the Educator Astronaut Program, Explorer Schools, Explorer Institutes, Science and Technology Scholarship Program, Technology & Products, Measurements, and a Single Database System.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors to the meeting will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

**R. Andrew Falcon,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NUREG/BR-0238, Materials Annual Fee Billing Handbook, NRC Form 628, Financial EDI Authorization, NUREG/BR-0254, Payment Methods, NRC Form 629, Authorization for Payment by Credit Card.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0190.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Annually.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Anyone doing business with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission including licensees, applicants and individuals who are required to pay a fee for inspections and licenses.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 7,330 (10 for NRC Form 628, and 7,320 for NRC Form 629, and NUREG/BR-0254).

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 611 (.80 hour for NRC Form 628 and 610 hours for NRC Form 629 and NUREG/BR-0254).

7. *Abstract:* The U.S. Department of the Treasury encourages the public to pay monies owed the government through use of the Automated Clearinghouse Network and credit cards. These two methods of payment are used by licensees, applicants, and individuals to pay civil penalties, full cost licensing fees, and inspection fees to the NRC.

Submit, by December 13, 2004, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The

document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton (T-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to [INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of October, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Proposed Generic Communication; Establishing and Maintaining a Safety Conscious Work Environment

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing to issue a regulatory issue summary (RIS) to provide the guidance for licensees on establishing and maintaining a Safety Conscious Work Environment (SCWE): that is, an environment in which employees are encouraged to raise safety concerns both to their own management and to the NRC without fear of retaliation. The agency's expectations regarding licensees establishing and maintaining a SCWE are described in the 1996 NRC Policy Statement, "Freedom of Employees in the Nuclear Industry to Raise Safety Concerns Without Fear of Retaliation."

In a March 26, 2003 staff requirements memorandum, the Commission directed the staff to develop further guidance, in consultation with stakeholders, that identifies "best practices" to encourage a SCWE. The guidance document is based on the existing guidance provided in the 1996 Policy Statement, including the elements and attributes described therein of a healthy SCWE, and expands the guidance or adds new guidance where additional information would help describe practices to meet the intent of each SCWE attribute. In addition, the NRC staff held a public workshop to discuss the draft guidance document, on February 19, 2004.

On February 12, 2004, the NRC staff published an outline of this guidance document for public comment. The Commission received input from the public, in response to the **Federal Register** Notice, expressing general agreement concerning the content of the outline. However, some improvements were suggested, and the NRC staff has incorporated many of these suggestions into the guidance document developed from the outline. The NRC staff's response to each of the individual comments on the outline published on February 12, 2004, is included under "Supplemental Information—Staff Response to Comments," below.

The February 12, 2004, **Federal Register** Notice emphasized that the NRC's 1996 Policy Statement was directed to all employers, including licensees and their contractors, subject to NRC authority, and their employees. Therefore, the guidance document also applies to this broad audience. The **Federal Register** Notice also clarified that the practices outlined in the guidance document may not be practical or necessary for all employers. Rather, the purpose of the guidance is to provide information on practices which have been effective at some larger licensees to maintain or improve the work environment and ensure its employees feel free to raise safety concerns. The scope of the guidance document remains broad and the NRC staff continues to believe that not all the practices outlined in the guidance document will be practical or effective for all licensees. The guidance, in the form of a RIS, is provided below for comment. It is also available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://webwork:300/what-we-do/regulatory/allegations/scwe-guide.html>, well as in ADAMS at ML042800027.

**DATES:** Comments on the guidance document may be submitted on or before November 15, 2004. Since: (1) A detailed outline of the guidance document has previously been published for comment; (2) the NRC staff has evaluated and responded to these comments below; and (3) the Commission approved, in an August 30, 2004, Staff Requirements Memorandum, issuance of the guidance, the staff requests that any comments provided in response to this **Federal Register** Notice relate to the content of the document rather than the appropriateness of issuing the document. The staff plans to issue a final RIS containing the information in the document after reviewing and addressing any additional comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, Room O-1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the document located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or email to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

You may also e-mail comments to [nrcprep@nrc.gov](mailto:nrcprep@nrc.gov). Fax comments to: Chief, Rules and Directive Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisamarie Jarriel, Agency Allegations Advisor, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, (301)-415-8529, email [LLJ@nrc.gov](mailto:LLJ@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Staff Response to Comments

The NRC received 17 submittals providing comments suggesting changes or expressing concerns in response to the outline of the proposed industry guidance for establishing and maintaining a SCWE published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2004. Although most stakeholders, including representatives from both the industry and whistleblower advocates, were in general agreement concerning the content of the outline, some improvements were suggested and many have been incorporated into the draft document. The most significant comment, however, addressed whether the Agency should be producing such a document at all. Industry representatives commented that the industry, rather than the NRC, should develop the guidance. The following specific comments related to the topic of whether it is appropriate for the NRC to issue the guidance, and the NRC staff's