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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: 2008 National Survey of College Graduates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0141.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2009.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

1. Abstract

The National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), formerly called the National Survey of Natural and Social Scientists and Engineers, has been conducted biennially since the 1970's. The 2008 NSCG will consist of a sample of 2006 NSCG respondents under age 76 with at least one bachelor's, master's degree, or foreign doctorate in science, engineering or health field, and/or work in science and engineering or related occupations. The purpose of this longitudinal panel study is to provide national estimates on the science and engineering workforce and changes in employment, education and demographic characteristics. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The NSCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientists and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT labor force data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population.

The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and*

Engineering Indicators. A public release file of the SESTAT data (which includes the NSCG data) designed to protect respondent confidentiality will be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

The Bureau of the Census, as in the past, will conduct the study for NSF. Data will be obtained by mail questionnaire and computer-assisted telephone interviews beginning in October 2008. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF and Bureau of the Census will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

2. Expected Respondents

A statistical sample of approximately 60,000 persons, identified as having at least a bachelor's degree and having a degree and/or occupation in science, engineering, or health, will be contacted.

3. Burden on the Public

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. NSF estimates that the total annual burden will be 25,000 hours during the 2008 survey cycle.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (66).

Date/Time: April 3, 2008, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; April 4, 2008, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Morris L. Aizenman, Senior Science Associate,

Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Room 1005, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8807.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF science and education activities within the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

Agenda: Update on current status of Directorate, Report of Division of Astronomical Sciences Committee of Visitors, Report of Division of Materials Research Committee of Visitors, Meeting of MPSAC with Divisions within MPS Directorate, Discussion of MPS Long-term Planning Activities.

Summary Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-34325]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Amendment of a Materials Permit in Accordance With Byproduct Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA, for Unrestricted Release of a Department of Veterans Affairs Facility in East Orange, NJ

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend a materials permit held under Byproduct Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA. The permit is held by the Department of Veterans Affairs (the Licensee), for its VA New Jersey Health Care System facilities, located at 385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, New

Jersey (the Facility). Issuance of the amendment would authorize release of Building 13 (described below) for unrestricted use. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated August 6, 2007. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51). Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The amendment will be issued to the Licensee following the publication of this FONSI and EA in the **Federal Register**.

II. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Licensee's August 6, 2007, materials permit amendment request, resulting in release of Building 13 for unrestricted use. License No. 03-23853-01VA was issued on March 17, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR parts 30 and 35, and has been amended periodically since that time. This license authorizes the Licensee to use byproduct materials at several Licensee facilities around the country, as authorized on a site-specific basis by permits issued by the Licensee's National Radiation Safety Committee. Under the license, the permits authorize the use of by-product materials for various medical and veterinary purposes, and for use in portable gauges.

The Facility is situated on a 40-acre site and is located in a residential area of East Orange, New Jersey. Within the Facility, Building 13 is a garage built circa 1900 consisting of four bays, and was constructed on a concrete slab with wood frame walls and wood siding. One of the bays was used for low level radioactive waste storage. The garage bay was used to store sealed 55-gallon steel drums of radioactive waste from research, which included paper and plastic products, liquid scintillation vials, and animal carcasses. No open handling of radioactive material occurred in the garage. Beginning in 1958, the VA New Jersey Health Care System in East Orange possessed numerous Atomic Energy Commission and NRC licenses. The licensee stored licensed materials in the garage bay beginning in 1990 through to November 2004, when the existing radioactive waste was moved to another location. The licensee ceased using licensed materials in Building 13 on November 15, 2004, and initiated surveys and decontamination of the building. Based

on the Licensee's historical knowledge of the site and the conditions within Building 13, the Licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with their NRC-approved operating radiation safety procedures, were required. The Licensee was not required to submit a decommissioning plan to the NRC because worker cleanup activities and procedures are consistent with those approved for routine operations. The Licensee conducted final status surveys of Building 13 on November 15, 2004. The results of these surveys along with other supporting information were provided to the NRC to demonstrate that the criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20 for unrestricted release have been met.

Need for the Proposed Action

The Licensee has ceased conducting licensed activities in Building 13, and seeks the unrestricted use of Building 13.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The historical review of licensed activities conducted in Building 13 shows that such activities involved use of the following radionuclides with half-lives greater than 120 days: Hydrogen-3 and carbon-14. Prior to performing the final status survey, the Licensee conducted decontamination activities, as necessary, in the areas of Building 13 affected by these radionuclides.

The Licensee completed final status surveys on Building 13 on November 15, 2004. The surveys covered the floor area of Building 13. The final status survey report was attached to the Licensee's amendment request dated August 6, 2007. The Licensee elected to demonstrate compliance with the radiological criteria for unrestricted release as specified in 10 CFR 20.1402 by demonstrating that all survey results for surface contamination were at background radiation levels. This release criteria is less than the radionuclide-specific dose-based release criteria, described in NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," Volume 2. These values provide acceptable levels of surface contamination to demonstrate compliance with the NRC requirements in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20 for unrestricted release. The Licensee's final status survey results were all at background values and are in compliance with the As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) requirement of 10 CFR 20.1402. The NRC thus finds that the Licensee's final status survey results are acceptable.

Based on its review, the staff has determined that the affected environment and any environmental impacts associated with the proposed action are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities" (NUREG-1496) Volumes 1-3 (ML042310492, ML042320379, and ML042330385). The staff finds there were no significant environmental impacts from the use of radioactive material in Building 13. The NRC staff reviewed available docket file records and the final status survey report to identify any non-radiological hazards that may have impacted the environment surrounding Building 13. No such hazards or impacts to the environment were identified. The NRC has identified no other radiological or non-radiological activities in the area that could result in cumulative environmental impacts.

The NRC staff finds that issuance of the proposed amendment authorizing release of Building 13 for unrestricted use is in compliance with 10 CFR Part 20. Based on its review, the staff considered the impact of the residual radioactivity from Building 13 and concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Due to the largely administrative nature of the proposed action, its environmental impacts are small. Therefore, the only alternative the staff considered is the no-action alternative, under which the staff would leave things as they are by simply denying the amendment request. This no-action alternative is not feasible because it conflicts with 10 CFR 30.36(d), requiring that decommissioning of byproduct material facilities be completed and approved by the NRC after licensed activities cease. The NRC's analysis of the Licensee's final status survey data confirmed that Building 13 meets the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted release. Additionally, denying the amendment request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative are therefore similar, and the no-action alternative is accordingly not further considered.

Conclusion

The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action is consistent with the

NRC's unrestricted release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Because the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

NRC provided a draft of this Environmental Assessment to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Environmental Radiation, for review on January 28, 2008. On February 26, 2008, the Bureau of Environmental Radiation responded by e-mail. The State agreed with the conclusions of the EA.

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is of a procedural nature, and will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The NRC staff has also determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared this EA in support of the proposed action. On the basis of this EA, the NRC finds that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed action, and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for license amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The documents related to this action are listed below, along with their ADAMS accession numbers.

1. E. Lynn McGuire, Department of Veterans Affairs, letter to Cassandra Frazier, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, dated August 6, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML072210004);
2. Thomas Huston, Department of Veterans Affairs, E-mail to William Snell, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, dated

November 1, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML073610425);

3. Regulatory Guide 1.86, "Termination of Operating Licenses for Reactors;"
4. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, Subpart E, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination;"
5. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions;"
6. NUREG-1496, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities;"
7. NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance."

If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois, this 29th day of February 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Patrick L. Loudon,
Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region III.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee Meeting on Power Uprates (Hope Creek); Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Power Uprates will hold a meeting on March 20-21, 2008, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-2B3.

The meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of portions that may be closed to discuss proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)4 for presentations covering information that is proprietary to PPL Hope Creek, LLC or its contractors such as General Electric and Continuum Dynamics.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, March 20-Friday, March 21, 2008-8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will discuss the Hope Creek Generating station extended power uprate application. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, the PSEG Nuclear, LLC (the licensee, PSEG), their contractors (General Electric and Continuum Dynamics) and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Zena Abdullahi (Telephone: 301-415-8716) 5 days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2007 (72 FR 54695).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: February 27, 2008.

Cayetano Santos,
Chief, Reactor Safety Branch, ACRS.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on March 19, 2008 at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-3B45.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance. The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, March 19, 2008-8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review the staff's draft safety evaluation regarding Topical Report WCAP-16793-NP, "Evaluation of Long Term Cooling Considering Particulate, Fibrous, and Chemical Debris in the Recirculating