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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Grantee Reporting Requirements for Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships.

*OMB Number:* 3145-0194.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection.

**Abstract:**

Proposed Project: The Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships Program supports innovation in the integrative conduct of research, education and knowledge transfer. Science and Technology Centers build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. STCs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

STCs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. STCs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

Centers selected will be required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which will be used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, STCs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via an NSF evaluation technical assistance contractor. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities;

knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the STC effort. Part of this reporting will take the form of a database which will be owned by the institution and eventually made available to an evaluation contractor. This database will capture specific information to demonstrate progress towards achieving the goals of the program. Such reporting requirements will be included in the cooperative agreement which is binding between the academic institution and the NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) diversity, (6) management and (7) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

*Use of the Information:* NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

*Estimate of Burden:* 100 hours per center for seventeen centers for a total of 1700 hours.

*Respondents:* Non-profit institutions; Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Report:* One from each of the seventeen centers.

Dated: May 24, 2012.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Generic Survey Clearance for the Directorate of Education and Human Resources (EHR)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF

will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

*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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; 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.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by January 3, 2011 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 22030, or by email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title of Collection:* Generic Clearance of Education and Human Resources Monitoring of Grantee Projects.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0136.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* July 31, 2012.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests renewal of program accountability data collections that describe and track the impact of NSF funding that focuses on the Nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and STEM workforce. NSF funds grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to colleges, universities, and other eligible institutions, and provides graduate research fellowships to individuals in all parts of the United States and internationally.

The Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR), a unit within NSF, promotes rigor and vitality within the Nation's STEM education enterprise to further the development of the 21st century's STEM workforce and public scientific literacy. EHR does this through diverse projects and programs that support research, extension, outreach, and hands-on activities that service STEM learning and research at all institutional (e.g., pre-school through postdoctoral) levels in formal and informal settings; and individuals of all ages (birth and beyond). EHR also focuses on broadening participation in STEM learning and careers among United States citizens, permanent residents, and nationals, particularly those individuals traditionally underemployed in the STEM research workforce, including but not limited to women, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities.

The scope of the EHR Generic Clearance primarily covers descriptive information gathered from education and training projects that are funded by NSF. NSF primarily uses the data from the EHR Generic Clearance for program planning, management, and audit purposes to respond to queries from the Congress, the public, NSF's external

merit reviewers who serve as advisors, including Committees of Visitors (COVs), the NSF's Office of the Inspector General and as a basis for either internal or third-party evaluations of individual programs.

The collections generally include three categories of descriptive data: (1) Staff and project participants (data that are also necessary to determine individual-level treatment and control groups for future third-party study or for internal evaluation); (2) project implementation characteristics (also necessary for future use to identify well-matched comparison groups); and (3) project outputs (necessary to measure baseline for pre- and post-NSF-funding-level impacts).

*Use of the Information:* This information is required for effective administration, communication, program and project monitoring and evaluation, and for measuring attainment of NSF's program, project, and strategic goals, and as identified by the President's Accountability in Government Initiative; GPRA, and the NSF's Strategic Plan. The Foundation's FY 2011–2016 Strategic Plan may be found at: [http://www.nsf.gov/news/strategicplan/nsfstrategicplan\\_2011\\_2016.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/news/strategicplan/nsfstrategicplan_2011_2016.pdf).

Since the EHR Generic Clearance research is primarily used for accountability and evaluation purposes, including responding from queries from COVs and other scientific experts, a census rather than sampling design typically is necessary. At the individual project level funding can be adjusted based on individual project's responses to some of the surveys. Some data collected under the EHR Clearance serve as baseline data for separate research and evaluation studies.

NSF-funded contract or grantee researchers and internal or external evaluators in part may identify control, comparison, or treatment groups for NSF's ET portfolio using some of the descriptive data gathered through OMB 3145–0136 to conduct well-designed, rigorous research and portfolio evaluation studies.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, business or other for profit, and Federal, State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,341.

*Burden on the Public:* NSF estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 63,947 hours will result from activities to monitor EHR STEM education programs. The calculation is shown in table 1.

TABLE 1—ANTICIPATED PROGRAMS THAT WILL COLLECT DATA ON PROJECT PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS PER COLLECTION PER YEAR

Collection title	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Annual hour burden
Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Research Infrastructure for Science and Engineering (HBCU–RISE) Monitoring System .....	37	37	1,374
Graduate STEM Fellows in K–12 Education (GK–12) Monitoring System .....	1,626	1,626	3,941
Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT) Monitoring System .....	4,658	4,658	12,156
Informal Science Education (ISE) Monitoring System .....	157	157	2,047
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Monitoring System .....	518	518	17,094
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Bridge to the Doctorate (LSAMP–BD) Monitoring System .....	50	50	3,600
Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (Noyce) Monitoring System .....	294	294	3,822
Research in Disabilities Education (RDE) Monitoring System .....	49	49	2,781
Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program (S–STEM) Monitoring System .....	500	1,000	6,000
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) Monitoring System .....	242	242	6,292
Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (TUES) Monitoring System .....	1,210	1,210	4,840
Additional Collections not Specified .....	900	900	1,200
Total .....	10,241	10,741	65,147

<sup>1</sup> (500 respondents × 2 responses/yr.).

The total estimate for this collection is 63,947 annual burden hours. This figure is based on the previous 3 years of collecting information under this clearance and anticipated collections. The average annual reporting burden is

between 1.5 and 72 hours per “respondent,” depending on whether a respondent is a direct participant who is self-reporting or representing a project and reporting on behalf of many project participants. This is a reduction from

the prior clearance of approximately 2,000 hours per year.

Dated: May 24, 2012.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0066]

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

#### Correction

In notice document 2012-12042 appearing on page 29697 in the issue of Friday, May 18, 2012, make the following correction:

On page 29697, in the second column, in the ninth paragraph, the first line should read "Submit, by July 17, 2012, comments that address the following questions:"

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-9086; NRC-2010-0143]

### Safety Evaluation Report, International Isotopes Fluorine Products, Inc., Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plan, Lea County, NM

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering the issuance of a license to International Isotopes Fluorine Products, Inc., (IIFP or the applicant) to authorize construction and operations of a depleted uranium deconversion facility and possession and use of source material. This proposed facility is known as the Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant (FEP/DUP) and will be located in Lea County, New Mexico. The NRC has prepared a Safety Evaluation Report (SER) in support of this license application review (NUREG-2116).

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2010-0143 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC

possesses and is publicly available using the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2010-0143. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Bartlett, Project Manager, Conversion, Deconversion and Enrichment Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-492-3119; email: [Matthew.Bartlett@nrc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Bartlett@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

By letter dated December 30, 2009, the applicant submitted to the NRC, an application requesting a license, under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 40 to possess and use source material for a fluorine extraction and depleted uranium deconversion facility. The applicant proposes that the facility, known as the FEP/DUP, be located in Lea County, New Mexico, about 23 kilometers (14 miles) east of the city of Hobbs, New Mexico. By letter dated May 3, 2012, IIFP submitted an updated application incorporating information requested by the NRC staff during the application review, see ADAMS Accession Number ML12124a307.

The NRC staff has prepared the SER in support of this license application review. The SER discusses the results of the safety review performed by the staff in the following areas: General information, organization and

administration, integrated safety analysis (ISA) and ISA summary, radiation protection, nuclear criticality safety, chemical process safety, fire safety, emergency management, environmental protection, decommissioning, management measures, quality assurance program description, physical protection, materials control and accountability, and human factors.

##### II. Further Information

The SER is 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 ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS Accession Number for the May 3, 2012, revised license application is ML12123a245. The ADAMS Accession Number for the May 22, 2012 SER is ML113140271.

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's (PDR's) reference staff at 800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or via email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of May 2012.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Marissa Bailey,**

*Deputy Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from February 1, 2012, to February 29, 2012.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phyllis Proctor, Senior Executive Resource Services, Executive Resources