- 2. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (N1–95–10–10, 226 items, 226 temporary items). Records related to agency programs such as groundwater resource management; fire management; wildfire prevention, preparedness, and suppression; agency landownership and exchanges; and title claims. Also included are records related to grants, land surveys, and engineering, geospatial, and road construction projects.
- 3. Department of the Army, Agency-wide (N1–AU–11–1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic system used to track officer and soldier assignments to the Korean Theater of Operations.

4. Department of the Army, Agencywide (N1–AU–11–9, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic system used to track Army aviation products throughout their life cycle.

5. Department of the Army, Agencywide (N1–AU–10–106, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic system used to track the location and duty status of deployed personnel.

6. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (DAA–0029–2013–0001, 6 items, 3 temporary items). Records relating to the administration of housing surveys in the field. Proposed for permanent retention are public use data files documenting the results of the periodic surveys.

7. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DAA–0059–2011–0006, 11 items, 9 temporary items). Records relating to management of property, reimbursement agreements, resource allocation working papers, responses to congressional and agency records requests, and working and administrative records of a policy board and an advisory board. Proposed for permanent retention are substantive records of a policy board and an advisory board.

8. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (DAA–0058–2012– 0009, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Lists of pseudonyms used to protect the identity of agency employees.

9. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (DAA–0058–2013–0001, 1 item, 1 temporary item). User agreements documenting the use of personal electronic equipment for agency business.

10. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (DAA–0058–2013–0002, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic system used to evaluate product quality and employee performance.

11. Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Judicial Panel on

Multidistrict Litigation (N1–482–11–1, 12 items, 9 temporary items). Case files, sealed records, duplicate judges' orders, and administrative files. Proposed for permanent retention are docket sheets, significant case files, and policies and procedures.

Dated: February 7, 2013.

#### Paul M. Wester, Jr.,

Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government.

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Public Availability of the National Science Foundation FY 2012 Service Contract Inventory

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation. **ACTION:** Notice of Public Availability of FY 2012 Service Contract Inventories.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117), the National Science Foundation is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2012 Service Contract inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY 2012. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010, and December 19, 2011, by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP's guidance is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/ sites/default/files/omb/procurement/ memo/service-contract-inventoriesguidance-11052010.pdf and http:// www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/ omb/procurement/memo/servicecontract-inventory-guidance.pdf. The National Science Foundation has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the National Science Foundation homepage at the following link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/ pub summ.jsp?ods key=nsf13048.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Richard Pihl in the BFA/DACS at 703–292–7395 or rpihl@nsf.gov.

Dated: February 8, 2013.

#### Suzanne Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2012-0228]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on October 17, 2012 (77 FR 63893).

- 1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Extension.
- 2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material".
- 3. Current OMB approval number: 3150–0008.
- 4. The form number if applicable:
- 5. How often the collection is required: On occasion. Application for package certification may be made at any time. Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuous basis as events occur.
- 6. Who will be required or asked to report: All NRC specific licensees who place byproduct, source, or special nuclear material into transportation, and all persons who wish to apply for NRC approval of package designs for use in such transportation.
- 7. An estimate of the number of annual responses: 912.
- 8. The estimated number of annual respondents: 250.
- 9. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 59,782 (54,208 hrs. reporting + 1 hr. third-party disclosure + 5,573 hrs. recordkeeping).
- 10. Abstract: NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 71 establish requirements for packaging, preparation for shipment, and transportation of licensed material, and prescribe procedures, standards, and requirements for approval by NRC

of packaging and shipping procedures for fissile material and for quantities of licensed material in excess of Type A quantities.

The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents including the final supporting statement at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20874. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/. The document will be available on the NRC's home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by March 15, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0008), NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to *Chad\_S\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov* or submitted by telephone at 202–395–4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, 301–415–6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Tremaine Donnell,**NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 17f–4; OMB Control No. 3235–0225, SEC File No. 270–232.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 350l–3520) (the "Paperwork Reduction Act"), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information

summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Section 17(f) (15 U.S.C. 80a–17(f)) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") <sup>1</sup> permits registered management investment companies and their custodians to deposit the securities they own in a system for the central handling of securities ("securities depositories"), subject to rules adopted by the Commission.

Rule 17f–4 (17 CFR 270.17f–4) under the Act specifies the conditions for the use of securities depositories by funds <sup>2</sup> and their custodians.

The Commission staff estimates that 140 respondents (including an estimated 79 active funds that may deal directly with a securities depository, an estimated 42 custodians, and 19 possible securities depositories) <sup>3</sup> are subject to the requirements in rule 17f–4. The rule is elective, but most, if not all, funds use depository custody arrangements.<sup>4</sup>

Rule 17f–4 contains two general conditions. First, a fund's custodian must be obligated, at a minimum, to exercise due care in accordance with reasonable commercial standards in discharging its duty as a securities intermediary to obtain and thereafter maintain financial assets.<sup>5</sup> This obligation does not contain a collection of information because it does not

impose identical reporting, recordkeeping or disclosure requirements. Funds and custodians may determine the specific measures the custodian will take to comply with this obligation.<sup>6</sup> If the fund deals directly with a depository, the depository's contract or written rules for its participants must provide that the depository will meet similar obligations, which is a collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. All funds that deal directly with securities depositories in reliance on rule 17f-4 should have either modified their contracts with the relevant securities depository, or negotiated a modification in the securities depository's written rules when the rule was amended. Therefore, we estimate there is no ongoing burden associated with this collection of information.7

Second, the custodian must provide, promptly upon request by the fund, such reports as are available about the internal accounting controls and financial strength of the custodian.8 If a fund deals directly with a depository, the depository's contract with or written rules for its participants must provide that the depository will provide similar financial reports,9 which is a collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. Custodians and depositories usually transmit financial reports to funds twice each vear.<sup>10</sup> The Commission staff estimates that 42 custodians spend approximately 787 hours (by support staff) annually in transmitting such reports to funds. 11 In addition, approximately 79 funds (i.e., two percent of all funds) deal directly with a securities depository and may

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 80a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As amended in 2003, rule 17f–4 permits any registered investment company, including a unit investment trust or a face-amount certificate company, to use a security depository. *See* Custody of Investment Company Assets With a Securities Depository, Investment Company Act Release No. 25934 (Feb. 13, 2003) (68 FR 8438 (Feb. 20, 2003)). The term "fund" is used in this Notice to mean a registered investment company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Commission staff estimates that, as permitted by the rule, an estimated 2% of all active funds may deal directly with a securities depository instead of using an intermediary. The number of custodians is estimated based on information from Morningstar Direct<sup>SM</sup>. The Commission staff estimates the number of possible securities depositories by adding the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and 7 active registered clearing agencies. The Commission staff recognizes that not all of these entities may currently be acting as a securities depository for fund securities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Based on responses to Item 18 of Form N–SAR (17 CFR 274.101), approximately 98 percent of funds' custodians maintain some or all fund securities in a securities depository pursuant to rule 17f–4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Rule 17f–4(a)(1). This provision incorporates into the rule the standard of care provided by section 504(c) of Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code when the parties have not agreed to a standard. Rule 17f–4 does not impose any substantive obligations beyond those contained in Article 8. Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Article 8—Investment Securities (1994 Official Text with Comments) ("Revised Article 8").

 $<sup>^6\,\</sup>mathrm{Moreover},$  the rule does not impose any requirement regarding evidence of the obligation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Commission staff assumes that new funds relying on 17f–4 would choose to use a custodian instead of directly dealing with a securities depository because of the high costs associated with maintaining an account with a securities depository. Thus new funds would not be subject to this condition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Rule 17f–4(a)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Rule 17f-4(b)(1)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The estimated 42 custodians would handle requests for reports from an estimated 3,371 fund clients (approximately 80 fund clients per custodian) and the depositories from the remaining 79 funds that choose to deal directly with a depository. It is our understanding based on staff conversations with industry representatives that custodians and depositories transmit these reports to clients in the normal course of their activities as a good business practice regardless of whether they are requested. Therefore, for purposes of this Paperwork Reduction Act estimate, the Commission staff assumes that custodians transmit the reports to all fund clients.

 $<sup>^{11}</sup>$ (3,371 fund clients × 2 reports) = 6,742 transmissions. The staff estimates that each transmission would take approximately 7 minutes for a total of approximately 787 hours (7 minutes × 6,742 transmissions).