

participating virtually. For members of NSF and the external community, livestreaming and registration links will be available through the following page: <https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/advisory.jsp>.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Persons:* Garneski, John, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: (703) 292-4519.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to scientific programs and activities.

*Agenda:* Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Previous Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Summary, and Preview of Agenda

Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and

Economic Sciences (SBE) Update

Discussion on SBE and Artificial

Intelligence-related research

Technology, Innovation, and

Partnerships and SBE

SBE activities aligned with NSF's

"Creating Opportunities Everywhere" portfolio

Dated: November 9, 2023.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Alan T. Waterman Award Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name and Committee Code:* Alan T. Waterman Award Committee (#1172).

*Date and Time:* January 29, 2024—12:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. (Eastern).

*Place:* NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Virtual).

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* Gayle Pugh Lev, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-7589.

*Purpose of Meeting:* Virtual meeting to provide advice and recommendations in the selection of the Alan T. Waterman Award recipient(s).

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards to be granted for the Alan T. Waterman Award program.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and

(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Request for Information (RFI) on NSF Public Access Plan 2.0: Ensuring Open, Immediate, and Equitable Access to National Science Foundation Funded Research

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation (NSF).

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking public input from the science and engineering research and education community on implementing NSF Public Access Plan 2.0: Ensuring Open, Immediate, and Equitable Access to National Science Foundation Funded Research. This plan, described in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, represents an update to NSF current public access requirements in response to recent White House Office of Science and Technology Policy guidance. A primary consideration during the development of NSF's plan has been potential equity impacts of public access requirements. NSF's goal is to improve equity throughout the research life cycle, making data and opportunities available to all researchers, including those from marginalized communities and historically under-resourced institutions of higher education in the U.S. NSF is committed to considering the needs of the diverse US research community, including identifying possible unintended consequences that the plan and its implementation could produce.

**DATES:** Interested persons or organizations are invited to submit comments on or before 11:59 p.m. (EST) on January 2, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The preferred method of response is to complete as much of the online RFI as you wish. However, if you cannot or do not wish to access this tool, comments submitted in response to this notice may also be submitted by the following methods:

*Email:* [PublicAccess2-RFI@nsf.gov](mailto:PublicAccess2-RFI@nsf.gov). Email submissions should be machine-readable and not be copy-protected. Submissions should include "RFI Response: NSF Public Access 2.0" in the subject line of the message.

*Mail:* Attn. Martin Halbert, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Responses may address one or as many topics as desired from the enumerated list provided in this RFI, noting the corresponding number of the topic(s) to which the response pertains. Submissions must not exceed 3 pages (exclusive of cover page) in 11-point or larger font, with a page number provided on each page. Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the comment, as well as the respondent type (e.g., academic institution, advocacy group, professional society, community-based organization, industry, member of the public, government, other). Respondent's role in the organization may also be provided (e.g., researcher, administrator, student, program manager, journalist) on a voluntary basis.

No business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information (aside from that requested above) should be submitted in response to this RFI. Comments submitted in response to this RFI will be used internally at NSF and may be shared with other Federal agencies. Any online or public release of data will only be in aggregate form to protect the identity of submitters. Please note that all questions are optional.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, please direct questions to Martin Halbert at [PublicAccess2-RFI@nsf.gov](mailto:PublicAccess2-RFI@nsf.gov), (703) 292-5111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. National Science Foundation Public Access Plan 2.0: Ensuring Open, Immediate, and Equitable Access to National Science Foundation Funded Research has been prepared in response to the memorandum dated August 25, 2022, from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, or OSTP, titled Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research, and signed by Alondra Nelson. It updates NSF's original public access plan, Today's Data, Tomorrow's Discoveries: Increasing Access to the Results of Research Funded by the National Science Foundation, dated March 18, 2015.

Broadly, Public Access Plan 2.0: Ensuring Open, Immediate, and Equitable Access to National Science Foundation Funded Research describes how:

- all peer-reviewed scholarly publications resulting from NSF-funded research will be made freely available

and publicly accessible by default in the NSF Public Access Repository, or NSF-PAR, without embargo;

- such publications will be accessible for assistive technologies;

- scientific data associated with peer-reviewed publications resulting from NSF awards will be made available in disciplinary repositories;

- exceptions to the data-sharing requirements will be made based on legal, privacy, ethical, intellectual property and national security considerations; and

- persistent identifiers, or PIDs, and other critical information associated with peer-reviewed publications and data resulting from NSF-funded research will be collected and made publicly available in NSF-PAR.

NSF is committed to ensuring that its approach to public access enhances equity in the science and engineering ecosystem and wants to understand any potential barriers that may be faced by researchers in complying with new public access requirements. Responses may suggest areas of particular interest to the research community that inspire future NSF funding opportunities and development plans for NSF-PAR.

NSF seeks responses from all interested individuals and communities including—but not limited to—individual researchers, research institutions, libraries, scholarly societies, scholarly publishers, early career researchers, and students/educators. NSF is particularly interested in hearing from researchers new to public access at NSF, new to open science practices more generally, or working in fields or institutions with unique challenges in complying with public access requirements, to ensure that NSF is well-positioned to fully consider potential equity impacts as the plan is implemented.

Comments are welcome on all elements of NSF Public Access Plan 2.0 but would be particularly welcome for the issues/questions identified below. Please note that all questions are optional.

1. Overall, do you view public access requirements as having more positive or more negative effects on equity and inclusion in science (indicate one)?

- mostly positive
- somewhat positive
- neither positive nor negative
- somewhat negative
- mostly negative

2. Do you currently have access to data repositories that will enable you to comply with public access requirements? (indicate one)?

- Yes, I have access

- Yes, I have access, but it is limited
- No, I don't have access
- I don't know

3. What opportunities or benefits do you anticipate you and/or your institution would realize from the requirement that NSF-funded peer-reviewed publications be made available in the NSF Public Access Repository (NSF-PAR)? (Please limit response to 500 characters.)

4. What challenges or barriers do you anticipate personally facing while complying with the requirement that NSF-funded peer-reviewed publications be made available in NSF-PAR? (Please limit response to 500 characters.) What opportunities or benefits do you anticipate you and/or your institution would realize from the requirement that the data underlying your NSF-funded peer-reviewed publications be made publicly available? (Please limit response to 500 characters.)

5. What challenges or barriers do you anticipate personally facing while complying with the requirement that the data underlying your NSF-funded peer-reviewed publications be made publicly available? (Please limit response to 500 characters.)

6. How can NSF best engage affected communities regarding public access issues, in particular marginalized or underrepresented groups? (Please limit response to 500 characters.)

7. If you have any additional comments about NSF's Public Access Plan, please share them here. (Please limit response to 2,000 characters.)

8. What is your primary field of research, employment, or study (indicate one)?

- Astronomy and astrophysics
- Biological, agricultural, environmental life sciences
- Computer and information sciences
- Engineering
- Humanities or liberal arts
- Learning sciences/education research
- Library or communication sciences
- Mathematics and statistics
- Medical and health sciences
- Physical and geosciences (including atmospheric and ocean sciences)
- Social sciences
- Publisher (for profit)
- Publisher (society or non-profit)
- Other (please specify)

9. What type of institution(s) best describes where you work? (Note: if you hold a dual appointment, please indicate all that apply.)

- U.S. 4-year university; Doctoral-granting, high or very high research activity
- U.S. 4-year university; Doctoral-granting, other

- U.S. 4-year university or college; Masters-granting (*i.e.*, no Doctoral programs offered)
- U.S. 4-year college or university; Baccalaureate-granting (*i.e.*, no Doctoral or Masters programs offered)
- U.S. community or 2-year college
- U.S. university-affiliated research institute
- Government agency (Federal, State or local)
- Non-governmental, non-university affiliated research organization
- Non-profit organization (including tax-exempt, charitable organization and private foundation)
- For-profit company or organization
- Other (please specify)

10. If you work at a university, please indicate all categories that represent your university (indicate all that apply):

- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPI)
- Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)
- Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- Minority serving Institution (MSI)
- Tribal College or University (TCU)
- Women's College or University
- Other
- None of the above

11. If you are engaged in academic research, in what stage of your career are you (indicate one)?

- undergraduate student
- graduate student
- early career researcher (<10 years post-Ph.D.)
- mid-career researcher (10–25 years post-Ph.D.)
- late-career researcher (<25 years post-Ph.D.)
- not applicable

12. What communities do you work with in your research (*i.e.*, about whom or from whom data is collected)? Please indicate all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native communities
- Asian communities
- Black or African American communities
- Latine/x/o/a communities
- LGBTIQ+ communities
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander communities
- Persons with disabilities
- non-US-based communities
- communities with limited socioeconomic status
- not applicable
- Other (please specify)

13. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- No, I am not Hispanic or Latino
- Yes, I am Mexican or Chicano
- Yes, I am Puerto Rican

- Yes, I am Cuban
- Yes, I am other Hispanic or Latino (please specify):
- 14. What is your racial background (indicate all that apply)?
- American Indian or Alaska Native—specify Tribal affiliations(s)
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- 15. Do you identify as a disabled person with respect to any of the following specific functions (indicate all that apply)?

- SEEING words or letters in ordinary newsprint (with glasses/contact lenses, if you usually wear them)
- HEARING in conversation with another person (with hearing aid or other assistive device, if you usually wear one)
- WALKING without human or mechanical assistance or using stairs
- LIFTING or carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds, such as a bag of groceries
- CONCENTRATING, REMEMBERING, or MAKING DECISIONS because of a physical, mental or emotional condition
- Other disability (please specify)

16. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your identity that impacts the way you are perceived or your access to the scholarly ecosystem (e.g., age, gender identity, sexual orientation etc.) (Please limit response to 2,000 characters.).

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 1861, *et al.*

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**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-0398; NRC-2023-0184]

### U.S. Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License renewal application; opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of

Standards and Technology (NIST or the applicant), to renew Special Nuclear Material (SNM) License Number 362 (SNM-362). The renewed license would authorize the applicant to continue to use SNM and other radiation sources for research and development, calibration and testing, and training activities at its campus in Gaithersburg, Maryland. If the license renewal application is approved, the license would authorize NIST to continue to possess and use SNM under NRC regulations for 10 years beyond its current license.

**DATES:** A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by January 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2023-0184 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2023-0184. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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, at 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Osiris Siurano-Pérez, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-7827, email: [Osiris.Siurano-Perez@nrc.gov](mailto:Osiris.Siurano-Perez@nrc.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Introduction

The NRC received, by letter dated August 8, 2023 (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML23221A162), an application from NIST to renew its license, SNM-362. NIST is authorized to use SNM under part 70 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," at its campus in Gaithersburg for research and development, calibration and testing, and training activities. More specifically, NIST uses SNM for activities associated with the development and maintenance of radiation measurement standards, radioactivity assessment, the provision of radiation measurement services, and the study of radiation interactions and processes in materials.

The renewed license would allow NIST to continue licensed activities for 10 years. NIST's current license would have expired on September 9, 2023; however, NIST timely filed a license renewal application. In accordance with 10 CFR 70.38(a), when a licensee files an application for renewal not less than 30 days before the expiration date of the existing license, the license will not expire until the Commission makes a final determination regarding the license renewal application. As such, NIST's current license is still in effect.

An NRC acceptance review of the revised application, dated October 6, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23271A220), found the application acceptable for a technical review. During the technical review, the NRC will evaluate the application for radiation safety, nuclear criticality safety, chemical safety, fire safety, security, decommissioning, decommissioning financial assurance, and material control/accountability. The NRC will document its findings in a safety evaluation report.

### II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the renewal of the special nuclear materials license. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed within 60 days, the presiding officer will rule on the