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Dated: January 30, 2004.

Marilyn J. Kretsinger,
Associate General Counsel.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

National Council on the Humanities; Meeting

January 26, 2004.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) notice is hereby given the National Council on the Humanities will meet in Washington, DC, on February 12-13, 2004.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out his functions, and to review applications for financial support from and gifts offered to the Endowment and to make

the Library of Congress. See 68 FR 70039 (Dec. 16, 2003). As of December 29, 2003, commercial couriers and messengers must deliver all materials for the Library of Congress to the Congressional Courier Acceptance Site ("CCAS"), located on Second and D Streets, NE. The CCAS will accept items from couriers with proper identification, e.g., a valid driver's license, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

The meeting will be held in the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. A portion of the morning and afternoon sessions on February 12-13, 2004, will not be open to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), (c)(6) and (c)(9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code because the Council will consider information that may disclose: Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on February 12, 2004, will be as follows:

Committee Meetings

(Open to the Public)

Policy Discussion

9-10:30 a.m.: Education Programs—Room 715, Federal/State Partnership—Room 507, Preservation and Access—Room 415, Public Programs—Room 420, Research Programs—Room 315.
(Closed to the Public)

Discussion of Specific Grant Applications and Programs Before the Council

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned: Education Programs—Room 715, Federal/State Partnership—Room 507, Preservation and Access—Room 415, Public Programs—Room 420, Research Programs—Room 315.
2-3:30 p.m.: Jefferson Lecture—Room 527.

The morning session on February 13, 2004, will convene at 9 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

- A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- B. Reports
 1. Introductory Remarks
 2. Staff Report
 3. Congressional Report
 4. Budget Report
 5. Reports on Policy and General Matters
 - a. Education Programs
 - b. Federal/State Partnership
 - c. Preservation and Access

- d. Public Programs
- e. Research Programs
- f. Jefferson Lecture

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and closed to the public for the reasons stated above.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Mr. Michael McDonald, Acting, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, or by calling (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

Michael McDonald,

Acting, Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Renew an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 5, 2004, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Medical Clearance Process for Deployment to Antarctica.
OMB Number: 3145-0177.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2004.

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

Abstract

A. Proposed Project

All individuals who anticipate deploying to Antarctica and to certain regions of the Arctic under auspices of the United States Antarctica Program are required to take and pass a rigorous physical examination prior to deploying. The physical examination includes a medical history, medical examination, a dental examination and for those persons planning to winter over in Antarctica a psychological examination is also required. The requirement for this determination of physical status is found in 42 U.S.C. 1870 (Authority) and 62 FR 31522, June 10, 1997 (Source), unless otherwise noted. This part sets forth the procedures for medical screening to determine whether candidates for participation in the United States Antarctic [(Page 216)] Program (USAP) are physically qualified and psychologically adapted for assignment or travel to Antarctica. Medical screening examinations are necessary to determine the presence of any physical or psychological conditions that would threaten the health or safety of the candidate or other USAP participants or that could not be effectively treated by the limited medical care capabilities in Antarctica.

Presidential Memorandum No. 6646 (February 5, 1982) (available from the National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, room 755, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230) sets forth the National Science Foundation's overall management responsibilities for the entire United States national program in Antarctica.

B. Use of the Information

1. Form NSF-1420, National Science Foundation

- **Polar Physical Examination** (Antarctica/Arctic/Official Visitors) Medical History, will be used by the individual to record the individual's family and personal medical histories. It is a five-page form that includes the individual's and the individual's emergency point-of-contact's name, address, and telephone numbers. It contains the individual's email address, employment affiliation and dates and locations of current and previous polar deployments. It also includes a signed certification of the accuracy of the information and understandings of refusal to provide the information or providing false information. The

agency's contractor's reviewing physician and medical staff complete the sections of the form that indicated when the documents were received and whether or not the person qualified for polar deployment, in which season qualified to deploy and where disqualified the reasons.

2. Form NSF-1421, Polar Physical Examination

- Antarctica/Arctic, will be used by the individual's physician to document specific medical examination results and the overall status of the individual's health. It is a two-page form which also provides for the signatures of both the patient and the examining physician, as well as contact information about the examining physician. Finally, it contains the name, address and telephone number of the agency's contractor that collects and retains the information.

3. **Form NSF-1422, National Science Foundation Polar Physical Examination** (Antarctica/Arctic/Official Visitors) Medical History Interval Screening, will only be used by individuals who are under the age of 40 and who successfully took and passed a polar examination the previous season or not more than 24 months prior to current deployment date. It allows the otherwise healthy individual to update his or her medical data without having to take a physical examination every year as opposed to those over 40 years of age who must be examined annually.

4. **Form NSF-1423, Polar Dental Examination-Antarctica/Arctic/Official Visitors**, will be used by the examining dentist to document the status of the individual's teeth and to document when the individual was examined. It will also be used by the contractor's reviewing dentist to document whether or not the individual is dentally cleared to deploy to the polar regions.

5. **Medical Waivers:** Any individual who is determined to be not physically qualified for polar deployment may request an administrative waiver of the medical screening criteria. This information includes signing a Request for Waiver that is notarized or otherwise legally acceptable in accordance with penalty of perjury statutes, obtaining an Employer Statement of Support. Individuals on a case-by-case basis may also be required to submit additional medical documentation and a letter from the individual's physician(s) regarding the individual's medical suitability for Antarctic deployment.

6. **Other information requested:** In addition to the numbered forms and other information mentioned above, the USAP medical screening package includes the following:

- Medical Risks for NSF-Sponsored Personnel Traveling to Antarctica—multi-copy form
- the NSF Privacy Notice
- the NSF Medical Screening for Blood-borne Pathogens/Consent for HIV Testing—(multi-copy)
- the NSF Authorization for Treatment of Field-Team Member/Participant Under the Age of 18 Years—(multi-copy). This should only be sent to the individuals who are under 18 years of age.
- the *Dear Doctor* and *Dear Dentist* letters, which provide specific laboratory and x-ray requirements, as well as other instructions.
- 7. *There are two other, non-medical forms included in the mailing:*
 - the Personal Information Form-NSF Form Number 1424 includes a Privacy Act Notice. This form is used to collect information on current address and contact numbers, date and place of birth, nationality, citizenship, social security number, passport number, emergency point of contact information, travel dates, clothing sizes so that we may properly outfit those individuals who deploy, work-site information and prior deployment history.
 - the Participant Notification—Important Notice for Participants in the United States Antarctic Program. This form provides information on the laws, of the nations through which program participants must transmit in route to Antarctica, regarding the transport, possession and use of illegal substances and the possibility of criminal prosecution if caught, tried and convicted.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information varies according to the overall health of the individual, the amount of research required to complete the forms, the time it takes to make an appointment, take the examination and schedule and complete any follow-up medical, dental or psychological requirements and the completeness of the forms submitted. The estimated time is up to six weeks from the time the individual receives the forms until he or she is notified by the contractor of their final clearance status. An additional period of up to eight weeks may be required for the individual who was disqualified to be notified of the disqualification, to request and receive the waiver packet, to obtain employer support and complete the waiver request, to do any follow-up testing, to return the waiver request to the contractor plus any follow-up information, for the contractor to get the completed packet to the National Science Foundation, for

the NSF to make and promulgate a decision.

Respondents: All individuals deploying to the Antarctic and certain Arctic areas under the auspices of the United States Antarctic Program must complete these forms. There are approximately 3,000 submissions per year, with a small percentage (c.3%) under the age of 40 who provide annual submissions but with less information.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Form: Responses range from 2 to approximately 238 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28,728 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Individuals must complete the forms annually to be current within 12 months of their anticipated deployment dates. Depending on individual medical status some persons may require additional laboratory results to be current within two to six weeks of anticipated deployment.

Comments: 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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 29, 2004.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI; ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI]

Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C.; Notice of Reconstitution

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.721, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board chaired by Administrative Judge Michael C. Farrar in the above captioned *Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C.* proceeding is hereby reconstituted by appointing

Administrative Judge Paul B. Abramson in place of Administrative Judge Jerry R. Kline.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.701, henceforth all correspondence, documents, and other material relating to any matter in this proceeding over which the Licensing Board chaired by Administrative Judge Farrar has jurisdiction should be served on Administrative Judge Abramson as follows: Administrative Judge Paul B. Abramson, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of January, 2004.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed LES Gas Centrifuge Uranium Enrichment Facility

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: Louisiana Energy Services (LES) submitted a license application on December 12, 2003, that proposes the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility to be located near Eunice, New Mexico. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its regulations at 10 CFR part 51, announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will examine the potential environmental impacts of the proposed LES facility.

DATES: The public scoping process required by NEPA begins with publication of this NOI and continues until March 18, 2004. Written comments submitted by mail should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

The NRC will conduct a public scoping meeting to assist in defining the appropriate scope of the EIS, including the significant environmental issues to be addressed. The meeting date, times and location are listed below:

- **Meeting date:** March 4, 2004.

- **Meeting location:** Eunice Community Center, 1115 Avenue I, Eunice, NM.

- **Scoping meeting time:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit comments to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Please note Docket No. 70-3103 when submitting comments. Due to the current mail situation in the Washington, DC area, commentors are encouraged to send comments electronically to LES_EIS@nrc.gov or by facsimile to (301) 415-5398, ATTN.: Melanie Wong.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general or technical information associated with the license review of the LES application, please contact: Tim Johnson at (301) 415-7299. For general information on the NRC NEPA process, or the environmental review process related to the LES application, please contact: Melanie Wong at (301) 415-6262.

Information and documents associated with the LES project, including the LES license application (submitted on December 12, 2003), are available for public review through our electronic reading room: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Documents may also be obtained from NRC's Public Document Room at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1.0 Background

LES submitted a license application and an environmental report for a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility to the NRC on December 12, 2003. The NRC will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with LES enrichment facility in parallel with the review of the license application. This environmental evaluation will be documented in draft and final Environmental Impact Statements in accordance with NEPA and NRC's implementing regulations at 10 CFR part 51.

2.0 LES Enrichment Facility

The LES facility, if licensed, would enrich uranium for use in manufacturing commercial nuclear fuel for use in power reactors. Feed material would be natural (not enriched) uranium in the form of uranium hexafluoride (UF₆). LES proposes to use centrifuge technology to enrich isotope