

petitioner's name and address; the mailing address and mine identification number of the mine or mines affected; the mandatory safety standard to which the petition is directed; a concise statement of the modification requested and whether the petitioner (1) proposes to establish an alternate method in lieu of the mandatory safety standard, or (2) alleges that application of the standard will result in diminution of safety to the miners affected, or (3) requests relief based on both grounds; a detailed statement of the facts that show the grounds upon which a modification is claimed or warranted; and, if the petitioner is a mine operator, the identity of any representative of miners at the affected mine.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Petitions for Modification of Mandatory Safety Standards. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

The public may also examine publicly available documents at USDOL-Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

## III. Current Actions

This request for collection of information contains provisions for Petitions for Modification of Mandatory Safety Standards. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request.

*Type of Review:* Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0065.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 56.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 56.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,240 hours.

*Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost:* \$35,017.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

**Sheila McConnell,**

*Certifying Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Physics; 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:* Mid-Term Site Visit to BaPSF for the Division of Physics (1208)—University of California—Los Angeles.

*Date and Time:* March 25, 2019; 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

*Place:* University of California, 1000 Veteran Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Lukin Vyacheslav, Program Director for Plasma, Division of Physics, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room W9218, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: (703) 292-7382.

*Purpose of Meeting:* Site visit to provide an evaluation of the progress of the projects at the host site for the Division of Physics at the National Science Foundation.

## Agenda

March 25, 2019; 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Executive Session—(CLOSED)  
 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Overview  
 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Physics Topic 1  
 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Lab Tour  
 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Break  
 10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Physics Topic 2  
 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Physics Topic 3  
 12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m. Executive Session—(CLOSED)  
 12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch with Students  
 1:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Physics Topic 4 (Co-PIs)  
 2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Education Broader Impacts (PI and Co-PIs)  
 2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Operations and Structure of Group (PI)  
 3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Personnel Information (PI)  
 3:45 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Executive Session—(CLOSED)  
 4:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Coffee with Collaborating Groups  
 4:45 p.m.–5:05 p.m. Executive Session with Dean and V.P. for Research  
 5:05 p.m.–6:05 p.m. Questions for PI's  
 6:05 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Site Visitors and NSF Staff Dinner—(CLOSED)  
*Reason for Closing:* Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 19, 2019.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Green Bank Observatory, Green Bank, West Virginia

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Green Bank Observatory, Green Bank, WV. This Final EIS identifies and analyzes the potential environmental consequences of the following alternatives: *Alternative A*, Collaboration with interested parties for continued science- and education-focused operations with reduced NSF funding (*Agency-preferred Alternative*);

*Alternative B*, Collaboration with interested parties for operation as a technology and education park; *Alternative C*, Mothballing of Facilities; *Alternative D*, Demolition and Site Restoration; and the *No Action Alternative*, Continued NSF Investment for Science-focused Operations. It also proposes mitigation measures to minimize the adverse impacts from alternatives that include demolition where such impacts may occur.

**DATES:** The National Science Foundation will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final EIS is made available for public inspection on-line at [www.nsf.gov/AST](http://www.nsf.gov/AST). A copy of the FEIS will be available for review at the following libraries:

Green Bank Public Library, 5683 Potomac Highlands Trail, Green Bank, WV 24944

Durbin Community Library, 4361 Staunton Parkersburg Turnpike, Durbin, WV 26264

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth Pentecost, Re: Green Bank Observatory, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room W9152, Alexandria, VA 22314, [envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov](mailto:envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov); 703-292-4907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Green Bank Observatory (GBO) is located in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, adjacent to the Monongahela National Forest. NSF owns the GBO land, which consists of numerous parcels acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950s, when GBO was formed as the first (and then, only) site of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). The GBO facilities include the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope, the largest fully steerable radio telescope in the world; the 43-meter Telescope; the Green Bank Solar Radio Burst Spectrometer; the 20-meter Geodetic Telescope; the 40-foot Telescope; the Interferometer Range; and previously operational telescopes.

Through a series of academic community-based and portfolio reviews, NSF identified the need to divest several facilities from its portfolio in order to retain the balance of capabilities needed to deliver the best performance on the key science of the present decade and beyond. In 2016, NSF completed a feasibility study to inform and define options for the site's future disposition that would involve significantly decreasing or eliminating NSF funding of the Green Bank

Observatory. NSF issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS on October 19, 2016, held scoping meetings on November 9, 2016, and held a 30-day public comment period that closed on November 25, 2016.

The Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment from November 8, 2017 through January 8, 2018. The full Draft EIS was also posted on the NSF, Division of Astronomical Sciences website ([www.nsf.gov/AST](http://www.nsf.gov/AST)) and hard copies were delivered to local libraries. A public meeting on the draft EIS was held in Green Bank, WV on November 30, 2017. During the review period, the NSF received over 340 comments. After considering all comments received, the NSF prepared the Final EIS. There are no substantive changes to the range of alternatives considered. *Alternative A*, Collaboration with interested parties for continued science- and education-focused operations with reduced NSF funding, is identified as the “Agency-preferred Alternative.”

Dated: February 15, 2019.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton**,  
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-263; NRC-2019-0059]

### Northern States Power Company; Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued an exemption in response to a April 6, 2017, request from Northern States Power Company to allow the use of structural steel columns and beams supporting the floor of the Cable Spreading Room that are not coated with fireproofing material to provide a fire resistance equivalent to that of the fire barrier.

**DATES:** The exemption was issued on February 14, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0059 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0059. Address

questions about Docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) to Krupskaya Castellon; telephone: 301-287-9221; email: [Krupskaya.Castellon@nrc.gov](mailto:Krupskaya.Castellon@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) 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 <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 (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the “Availability of Documents” section of this document.

- *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:** Robert F. Kuntz, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3733, email: [robert.kuntz@nrc.gov](mailto:robert.kuntz@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the exemption is attached.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of February, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert F. Kuntz**,  
Senior Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch III, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

### Attachment—Exemption

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket No. 50-263;

### Northern States Power Company Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Exemption

#### I. Background

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (the licensee), is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License Number 50-263 which authorizes operation of the