

needed. Revised disposition instruction: Destroy or delete with the related records.

Finding aids for temporary records are not needed after the related records are destroyed when they do not serve as an independent information resource. Maintenance of the finding aids for the life of the related records will help the agency to make the records accessible.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

TITLE OF COLLECTION: Survey of Industrial Research and Development (OMB Control No. 3145-0027).

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or for a copy of the collection instrument and instructions contact Ms. Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Clearance Officer, via surface mail: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone (703) 306-2063; e-mail mlhiggs@nsf.gov, or FAX (703) 306-0201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Abstract

The proposed continuing information collection involves the estimation of the expenditures on research and development performed within the United States by industrial firms. A mail survey, the Survey of Industrial Research and Development, has been conducted annually since 1953. Industry accounts for over 70 percent of total U.S. R&D each year and since its inception, the survey has provided continuity of statistics on R&D expenditures by major industry groups and by source of funds. The survey is

the industrial component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to "provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government" as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950. Statistics from the survey are published in NSF's annual publication series Research and Development in Industry. The proposed collection will continue the survey for three years.

2. Expected Respondents

The survey will be mailed to a statistical sample of approximately 23,400 companies to collect information on the amount and sources of funds for and character of R&D performed and contracted out by industrial firms, and information on sales and employment of the firms themselves.

3. Burden on the Public

To minimize burden, over 90-percent of the companies selected for the Survey of Industrial Research and Development are asked to respond to the Form RD-1A, the abbreviated version of the basic survey questionnaire, Form RD-1. Further, only companies with five paid employees or more are asked to participate in the survey and extensive use is made of the descriptive codes and information on the establishment list that is the source of the survey sample to avoid sampling firms in industries that traditionally do not perform R&D. NSF, with input from the Bureau of the Census, the collection and compiling agent for the survey, estimates that the average annual reporting and record keeping burden on each Form RD-1A respondent will be 1 hour and on Form RD-1 respondents will be 15 hours. The total annual burden is estimated at 43,000 hours, calculated as follows:

RD-1A respondents: 22,000 respondents x 1 response x 1 burden hour=22,000 hours/year.

RD-1 respondents: 1,400 respondents x 1 response x 15 burden hours=21,000 hours/year.

All respondents: 22,000+21,000=43,000 burden hours/year during 1999, 2000, and 2001.

Comments Requested

Dates: NSF should receive written comments on or before October 16, 1998.

Addresses: Submit written comments to Ms. Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Clearance Officer, through surface mail

at: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; through e-mail to mlhiggs@nsf.gov; or via FAX (703) 306-0201.

Special Areas for Review: NSF especially request comments on:

(a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have utility;

(b) the accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, e.g., permitting submission of responses through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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Mary Lou Higgs,

Acting NSF Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

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

SUMMARY: The 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).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:*

—10 CFR Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material

—NRC Form 313 Application for Material License, and Supplemental Forms, NRC Form 313A, Training and Experience, and NRC Form 313B, Preceptor Statement

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 313, 313A and 313B.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Reports of medical events;