

Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection.

Abstract:

Proposed Project: The Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships Program supports innovation in the integrative conduct of research, education and knowledge transfer. Science and Technology Centers build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. STCs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

STCs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. STCs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

Centers selected will be required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which will be used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, STCs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via an NSF evaluation technical assistance contractor. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the STC effort. Part of this reporting will take the form of a database which will be owned by the institution and eventually made available to an evaluation contractor. This database will capture specific information to demonstrate progress

towards achieving the goals of the program. Such reporting requirements will be included in the cooperative agreement which is binding between the academic institution and the NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) diversity, (6) management and (7) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

Use of the Information: NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

Estimate of Burden: In the first year, for the anticipated six centers' awards time estimate is total of 600 hours. In the subsequent years time estimate is 300 hours.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions; federal government.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the six centers.

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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review for Environmental Biology; Notice of Meeting

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). The Chemistry Division will

be holding panel meetings to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates and types of proposals being reviewed are:

Name: Proposal Review for Environmental Biology (#10744).

Date and Time: September 25, 2002—8 a.m.—12 noon (Open), 1 pm—5 p.m. (Closed); September 26, 2002—8 am—5 p.m. (Closed).

Place: University of California, Santa Barbara.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contract Person: Mark W. Courtney, Program Director, Division of Environmental Biology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, telephone (703) 292-7187.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations regarding the effectiveness and the center and its value to the scientific community.

Agenda: The Center for Ecological Analysis and Syntheses (CEAS) will be making general presentations during the open session. During the closed session the committee will review and evaluate the progress of the CEAS.

Reason for Closing: This review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station; Notice of Receipt of Application for Renewal of Facility Operating License No. NPF-12 for an Additional 20-Year Period

On August 6, 2002, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received, by letter dated August 6, 2002, an application from the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, filed pursuant to section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR part 54, which would authorize the applicant to operate the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station for an additional 20-year period. The current operating license for the Virgil C.