

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: We are announcing an upcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Public Museum Engagement and Legislative Archives.

DATES: The meeting will be on October 29, 2024, from 2 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be virtual.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Wyatt, National Archives, Center for Legislative Archives, by email at James.Wyatt@nara.gov or by phone at 202-357-5016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This virtual meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app 2) and implementing regulations.

Meeting Information

Join link: <https://senate.webex.com/senate/j.php?MTID=m88b50482d2bb81c164c41bd3d323038e>.

Meeting number: 2828 845 7477.

Meeting password: 9uRyNBjDu32 (98796253 when dialing from a video system).

Join by phone: +1 202-228-0808 US Senate Webex. +1 855-428-0808 US Senate Webex (Toll Free).

Access code: 282 884 57477.

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks—Ann Berry, Secretary of the Senate
2. Recognition of Co-Chair—Kevin McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House
3. Recognition of the Archivist of the United States—Colleen Shogan
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Merrily Harris,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Grantee Reporting Requirements for NSF Regional Innovation Engines (NSF Engines) Program

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to establish this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 24, 2024, to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite E6400, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

Comments: Comments are invited 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 practical 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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: National Science Foundation (NSF) Regional Innovation Engines (Engines) Program Evaluation Capacity Building.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not Applicable.

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

Proposed Project: The NSF Engines program was authorized in the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (Section 10388) to (1) advance multidisciplinary, collaborative, use-inspired and translational research, technology development, in key technology focus areas; (2) address regional, national, societal, or geostrategic challenges; (3)

leverage the expertise of multidisciplinary and multi-sector partners, including partners from private industry, nonprofit organizations, and civil society organizations; and (4) support the development of scientific, innovation, entrepreneurial, and STEM educational capacity within the region of each Engine to grow and sustain regional innovation.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, NSF established 10 inaugural NSF Engines awards, uniquely placing science and technology leadership as the central driver for regional economic competitiveness. Each NSF Engine is accelerating technological innovation while also addressing national, societal and/or geostrategic challenges that are of significant interest in the NSF Engine's defined "region of service."

The programmatic level goals of NSF Engines are to:

Goal 1: Establish self-sustaining

innovation ecosystems;

Goal 2: Establish nationally recognized regional ecosystems for key industries;

Goal 3: Broaden participation in innovation ecosystems by enabling all members of a region to engage;

Goal 4: Advance technologies relevant to national competitiveness;

Goal 5: Catalyze regions with nascent innovation ecosystems;

Goal 6: Increase economic growth;

Goal 7: Increase job creation.

To achieve these goals, each NSF Engine will carry out an integrated and comprehensive set of activities spanning use-inspired research, translation research, innovation and entrepreneurship, and workforce development to nurture and accelerate regional industries. In addition, each NSF Engine is expected to embody a culture of innovation and have a demonstrated, intense, and meaningful focus on engaging everyone throughout its regional science and technology ecosystem.

Owing to the bespoke goals and objectives that are varied by regions and NSF Engines, and the expansive network of stakeholders that are involved, it is important for each NSF Engine to build (and subsequently strengthen) its own evaluation capacity, within a broader context of NSF's assessment of the NSF Engines individually and collectively.

Here, *evaluation capacity* refers to enabling each Engine to have the competencies in designing, managing, implementing, and using evaluation. It includes "strengthening a culture of valuing evidence, valuing questioning, and valuing evaluative thinking. This

can include the capacity of evaluators, as well as the capacity of evaluation and program managers, internal staff, and community members.”¹ The idea is for each NSF Engine to build the capability and ability to frame evaluations, make sense of them, and apply them in contextually appropriate ways in order to in turn, for example: make evidence-based decisions, provide a supportive network of trust and reciprocity, and continue growing and fostering the structure and infrastructure of each Engine.

This request is to seek approval from OMB in establishing a new data collection to enable evaluation capacity to be built and maintained by each NSF Engine. To build evaluation capacity, we are requesting each NSF Engine to provide two sets of documents:

1. Evaluation Plan
2. Annual Evaluation Report

Evaluation Plan. Each NSF Engine award recipient is requested to establish its own external evaluation team. Each evaluation team is tasked to systematically assess the activities, processes, and practices implemented by its respective NSF Engine. The evaluation team, in collaboration with its respective NSF Engine, will work together to formulate a comprehensive *Evaluation Plan*.

The primary objective of the *Evaluation Plan* is to serve as an alternative and objective approach for the NSF Engine to monitor and measure its progress, determine the effectiveness of its activities, and gauge the broader socioeconomic impacts of its endeavors.

It also serves as an assessment tool for each NSF Engine award recipient to identify, reflect, and address development needs and challenges as they arise, and perform any intervention and/or course corrections, if necessary, in a timely fashion. Finally, it also serves as a tool to systematically and structurally communicate internally within an Engine and externally with partners and other stakeholders.

The *Evaluation Plan* contains 14 sections:

1. Engine vision and mission
2. Engine goals and alignment
3. Engine overview
4. Purpose of Engine evaluation
5. Timeline
6. Information sharing
7. Research and development (R&D) including translation
8. Workforce development
9. Engagement of the region
10. Ecosystem building
11. Engine level outcomes and impact
12. Internal assessment of evaluation process
13. Other
14. Data management

Annual Evaluation Plan. The external evaluation teams of each NSF Engine award recipient will also produce an *Annual Evaluation Report* to be provided to both their respective NSF Engine leadership team and to NSF. The annual evaluation report provides a structured mechanism for the evaluation teams to provide an independent and objective assessment on the baselines, progresses, achievements, milestones, and challenges faced by its respective

NSF Engine over the past award year. In addition, the evaluation teams will provide recommendations to their respective NSF Engine leadership team on ways to improve existing processes, policies, and practices. These reports offer a comprehensive overview of the team’s activities and their outcomes over the previous award year. The report has dual purposes, as a reflection tool for each NSF Engine to learn from their experiences and to make improvements, and as an assessment tool for NSF program directors for award oversight and management.

There are 8 sections to the report:

1. Executive summary
2. Introduction
3. Research and development (R&D) including translation
4. Workforce development
5. Engagement of the region
6. Ecosystem building
7. Outcomes and Impact
8. Evaluation action plan for next year
9. Appendices
 - a. Appendix A: NSF Engines bi-annual evaluation form
 - b. Appendix B: Updated methodologies
 - c. Appendix C: Additional figures and tables
 - d. Appendix D: Other Information

Burden on the Public: For each Engine award, we anticipate the following number of responses and response burden by reporting requirement:

A.12.1. Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Annual Hour Burden

TABLE 1—RESPONDENTS, RESPONSES, AND ANNUAL HOUR BURDEN

Reporting requirements	Number of responses per year	Minimum burden per response (hours)	Maximum burden per response (hours)	Annual burden (hours) per engine
<i>Evaluation Plan</i>	1	Year 1: 200 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 20	Year 1: 300 Year 2: 40 Year 3: 40	200–300 20–40 20–40
<i>Annual Evaluation Report</i>	1	Year 1: 160 Year 2: 80 Year 3: 80	Year 1: 240 Year 2: 160 Year 3: 160	160–240 80–160 80–160
Total	2	100–540

A total of 10 NSF Engine teams were awarded. For the first year, the total amount of burden is estimated to be between 3,600 and 5,400 hours for all 10 NSF Engines. For subsequent years, 1,000 and 2,000 hours for all 10 NSF Engines, which translates to 100–200

hours per NSF Engine divided among all participants. Here, *participants* include members of the Leadership Team of an NSF Engine, which consists between 8 and 12 persons, the Governance Board, which consists between 10 and 20 persons, and the

(external) Evaluation Team, which consists of 4–8 persons. Thus, the annual burden hours for the listed evaluation capacity building activities are shared between 22 and 40 persons. And this is to be expected, as evaluation in general is a highly collaborative and

¹ <https://www.betterevaluation.org/frameworks-guides/rainbow-framework/manage/strengthen-evaluation-capacity>.

participatory activity, it is therefore expected that both the *Evaluation Plan* and *Annual Evaluation Report* would involve and engage across and within an NSF Engine.

Finally, the upper bound estimate for the *Annual Evaluation Report* reflects not only the effort for writing the report but also account for data cleaning, data analysis, and data visualization. We anticipate that the burden for subsequent years to be lower as workflow and cadence will be established after the first year.

Dated: October 22, 2024.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2024-0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25, and December 2, 2024. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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STATUS: Public.

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 28, 2024

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

1:00 p.m. Today and Tomorrow Across Region II Business Lines (Public

Meeting) (Contact: Katie McCurry: 404-997-4438)

Additional Information: The meeting will be held in the 8th Floor Conference Center, Marquis One Tower, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue NE, Suite 1200, Atlanta, Georgia. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting in person or watch live via webcast at the web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

Week of November 4, 2024—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 4, 2024.

Week of November 11, 2024

Thursday, November 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the Operating Reactors and New Reactors Business Lines (Public Meeting) (Contact: Annie Ramirez: 301-415-6780)

Additional Information: The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting in person or watch live via webcast at the web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

Week of November 18, 2024—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 18, 2024.

Week of November 25, 2024—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 25, 2024.

Week of December 2, 2024

Thursday, December 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Employment, and Small Business (Public Meeting) (Contact: Erin Deeds: 301-415-2887)

Additional Information: The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting in person or watch live via webcast at the web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Wesley Held at 301-287-3591 or via email at Wesley.Held@nrc.gov.

The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: October 23, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Wesley W. Held,

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 72-36, 50-321, and 50-366; NRC-2024-0147]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company; Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Exemption

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an exemption to Southern Nuclear Operating Company permitting Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (Hatch) to maintain three loaded and to load five new 68M multi-purpose canisters with continuous basket shims in HI-STORM 100 Cask System at its Hatch Units 1 and 2 independent spent fuel storage installation in a storage condition where the terms, conditions, and specifications in Certificate of Compliance No. 1014, Amendment No. 11 are not met.

DATES: The exemption was issued on October 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0147 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-2024-0147. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: 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. The ADAMS accession number for each document