

the Proposed Decision and Order granted by MSHA shall be submitted to the MSHA District Manager for revision and approval prior to implementation of the training plan by South32 Hermosa.

(k) The Petitioner asserts that this Petition for Modification of Application of Mandatory Standard has been posted on the mine bulletin board at the Hermosa Mine as of October 17, 2024, and there are no representatives of miners at this operation.

In support of the proposed alternative method, the Petitioner has also submitted: a schematic diagram of a typical MineARC refuge chamber, a table of MineARC refuge chamber models, a table of fire hazards in the mine, a mine map showing locations of initial refuges, a MineARC refuge chamber layout drawing example, MineARC refuge chamber operating procedures, and a MineARC refuge chamber brochure.

The Petitioner asserts that the alternate method proposed will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

**Song-ae Aromie Noe,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Antarctic Emergency Response Plan and Environmental Protection Information

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing 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 February 3, 2025 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation,

2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Antarctic emergency response plan and environmental protection information.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0180.

*Current Expiration Date of Approval:* April 30, 2025.

*Abstract:* NSF, pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*) (“ACA”) regulates certain non-governmental activities in Antarctica. The ACA was amended in 1996 by the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act. On August 13, 2001, NSF published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 42451) implementing certain of these statutory amendments. The rule requires non-governmental Antarctic expeditions using non-U.S. flagged vessels to ensure that the vessel owner has an emergency response plan. The rule also requires persons organizing a non-governmental expedition to provide expedition members with information on their environmental protection obligations under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

*Expected Respondents.* Respondents may include non-profit organizations and small and large businesses. The majority of respondents are anticipated to be U.S. tour operators, currently estimated to number twenty-one.

*Burden on the Public.* The Foundation estimates that a one-time paperwork and recordkeeping burden of 40 hours or less, at a cost of \$500 to \$1400 per respondent, will result from the emergency response plan requirement contained in the rule. Presently, all respondents have been providing expedition members with a copy of the Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic (prepared and adopted at the Eighteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting as Recommendation XVIII-1). Because this Antarctic Treaty System document satisfies the environmental protection information requirements of the rule, no additional burden shall result from the environmental information requirements in the proposed rule.

Dated: December 2, 2024.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Survey of Doctorate Recipients

**AGENCY:** National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR)(OMB Control Number 3145-0020). In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, NCSES is providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NCSES will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for three years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by February 3, 2025 to be assured of 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 E6300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto: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 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* 2025 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

*OMB Control Number:* 3145-0020.

*Expiration Date of Current Approval:* July 31, 2026.

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

*Abstract:* Established within the NSF by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 section 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) serves as a central federal clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of objective data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development for use by practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public.