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If you have a general question, please email [techgrants@lsc.gov](mailto:techgrants@lsc.gov).

Dated: January 12, 2016.

**Stefanie K. Davis,**

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: Guidelines for Grants to States Program Five-Year Evaluations

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments, collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Service ("IMLS") as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments concerning the guidelines for the agency's Grants to States program's five-year evaluations.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 15, 2016.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 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 submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** For a copy of the documents contact: Kim A. Miller, Management Analyst, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M Street NW., 9th Floor, Washington DC 20036. Ms. Miller can be reached by *Telephone:* 202-653-4762, *Fax:* 202-653-4762, or by email at [kmiller@imls.gov](mailto:kmiller@imls.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is an independent Federal grant-making agency and is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. IMLS provides a variety of grant programs to assist the Nation's museums and libraries in improving their operations and enhancing their services to the public. The IMLS Grants to States program is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the United States. Using a population-based formula, more than \$150 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies.

##### II. Current Actions

The Library Services and Technology Act requires each State Library Administrative Agency to submit a plan that details library services goals for a five-year period. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 9134, each State Library Administrative Agency that receives an IMLS grant under the Grants to States Program is required to evaluate and report to the agency, prior to the end of their five-year plan, regarding the activities assisted under the LSTA. These five-year plans and evaluations are the foundation for improving practice and informing policy. The purpose of the proposed information collection is to promulgate guidelines to establish a consistent framework for the

evaluations required under 20 U.S.C. 9134, so as to ensure that each State Library Administrative Agency develops and submits to IMLS an effective evaluation of their five-year plan.

*Agency:* Institute of Museum and Library Services.

*Title:* Guidelines for Grants to States Program Five-Year Evaluations.

*OMB Number:* To be determined.

*Agency Number:* 3137.

*Affected Public:* State Library Administrative Agencies.

*Number of Respondents:* 55.

*Note:* 55 is the number of State Library Administrative Agencies that are responsible for the collection of this information and for reporting it to IMLS.

*Frequency:* Once every five years.

*Burden Hours per Respondent:* To be determined.

*Total Burden Hours:* To be determined.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* To be determined.

*Total Annual Costs:* To be determined.

*Contact:* Kim A. Miller, Management Analyst, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M Street NW., 9th Floor, Washington DC 20036. Ms. Miller can be reached by *Telephone:* 202-653-4762, *Fax:* 202-653-4762, or by email at [kmiller@imls.gov](mailto:kmiller@imls.gov) or by teletype (TTY/TDD at 202-653-4614. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Dated: January 12, 2016.

**Kim A. Miller,**

*Management Analyst, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub., L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883).

*Date and Time:* February 25, 2016; 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. EDT.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 1060, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (Via Teleconference).

*Type of Meeting:* Open. <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp>. Attendance information for the meeting will be forthcoming on the Web site.

*Contact Person:* Dr. James Ulvestad, Division Director, Division of Astronomical

Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-7165.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

**Agenda:** To provide updates on agency activities and to discuss the Committee's draft annual report due 15 March 2016.

Dated: January 14, 2016.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2011-0022]

### Concentration Averaging and Encapsulation Branch Technical Position

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Branch technical position; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting comments on whether the NRC staff should formally document a position on contaminated material and contaminated trash. The NRC issued Revision 1 of the Branch Technical Position on Concentration Averaging and Encapsulation (CA BTP) in February of 2015. The CA BTP provides acceptable methods that can be used to perform concentration averaging of Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) for the purpose of determining its waste class for disposal. When the NRC issued the revised CA BTP, it noted that one issue, distinguishing contaminated materials from contaminated trash, may need further clarification. The NRC also stated that it would consider whether additional guidance, such as a Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS), would be warranted for distinguishing contaminated materials from contaminated trash.

**DATES:** Submit comments by March 21, 2016. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different

method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0022. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12-H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don Lowman, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-5452; email: [Donald.Lowman@nrc.gov](mailto:Donald.Lowman@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

#### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0022 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0022.

- 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). Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the revised CA BTP are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML12254B065 and ML12326A611, respectively.

- 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.

### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0022 in the subject line of your comment submission. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

### II. Background

The NRC issued Revision 1 of the CA BTP ("Revised CA BTP") on February 25, 2015, (80 FR 10165). This revision provided updated guidance on the interpretation of § 61.55(a)(8) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Determination of concentrations in wastes," as it applies to the classification (as Class A, B, or C waste) of a variety of different types and forms of LLW. Section 61.55(a)(8) states that radionuclide concentrations can be averaged over the volume of the waste or its weight if the units are expressed as nanocuries per gram. The average radionuclide concentrations are compared with the waste classification tables in § 61.55 to determine the class of the waste. The waste class determines the minimum safety measures to be applied in order to provide reasonable assurance of safe disposal of the waste. The previous version of the CA BTP was published in 1995 (ADAMS Accession No. ML033630732).

In developing the Revised CA BTP, the staff identified one issue that may need further clarification. One of the categories of discrete wastes that are subject to additional concentration averaging constraints is "contaminated materials." Both the 1995 and Revised CA BTPs define contaminated materials as components or metals on which radioactivity resides on or near the surface in a fixed or removable condition. To demonstrate compliance with these averaging constraints, the