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**STATUS OF MEETINGS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Board of Directors

1. Approval of agenda
2. Consider and act on the Board of Directors' transmittal to accompany the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016
3. Public comment
4. Consider and act on other business
5. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting

Operations and Regulations Committee—*briefing materials will be posted at <http://www.lsc.gov/about-lsc/board/board-meetings>.*

1. Approval of agenda
2. Briefing and discussion on Final Rule of Proposed Rulemaking for 45 CFR part 1627—Subgrants with consolidation of transfer provisions from 45 CFR part 1610.7
3. Public comment
4. Consider and act on other business
5. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Katherine Ward, Executive Assistant to the Vice President & General Counsel, at (202) 295-1500. Questions may be sent by electronic mail to [FR\\_NOTICE\\_QUESTIONS@lsc.gov](mailto:FR_NOTICE_QUESTIONS@lsc.gov).

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Dated: November 14, 2016.

#### Katherine Ward,

*Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Research Performance Progress Report

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Effective with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, agencies will be able to utilize the updated standardized Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) format for both interim and final progress reporting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To view the updated Standardized Research Performance Progress Report Format to be used for both Interim and Final Performance Progress Reporting, see: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rppr/index.jsp>. For information on the RPPR, contact Jean Feldman, Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution & Award Support, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230, email: [jfeldman@nsf.gov](mailto:jfeldman@nsf.gov); telephone (703) 292-8243; FAX: (703) 292-9171.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) directly benefits award recipients by making it easier for them to administer Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information required in performance reports—thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs. The RPPR also will make it easier to compare the outputs, outcomes, etc. of research and research-related programs across the government.

The RPPR resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM), an Interagency Working Group of the Social, Behavioral & Economic Research Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). One of the RBM Subcommittee's priority areas is to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it is important for Federal agencies to manage awards in a similar fashion. The RPPR is to be used by agencies that support research and research-related activities for use in submission of progress reports. It is intended to replace other performance reporting formats currently in use by agencies. The RPPR does not change the performance reporting requirements specified in 2 CFR part 200.

On July 23, 2015 the National Science Foundation (NSF) submitted a request

for public comment on an Updated Standardized Research Performance Progress Report Format to be used for Both Interim and Final Performance Progress Reporting in the **Federal Register** [80 FR 43802, July 23, 2015]. All comments were carefully considered in developing the final version of the RPPR. A table listing the comments and responses is posted on the NSF Web site at: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rppr/index.jsp>. It should be noted that substantive changes were not made to the RPPR as a result of the comment process.

On behalf of the RBM, NSF has agreed to continue to serve as the sponsor of the updated version of this Federal-wide performance progress reporting format. The final version of the updated Standardized Research Performance Progress Report Format to be used for both Interim and Final Performance Progress Reporting incorporates the public comments mentioned above, and may be viewed at: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rppr/index.jsp>. Each Federal research agency that supports research and research-related activities must post their policy or an implementation plan on the NSF and RBM Web sites within nine months after issuance of the **Federal Register** Notice. Each implementation plan will address whether the agency plans to implement the RPPR in paper or electronic format, and include an anticipated implementation date.

Dated: November 10, 2016.

#### Suzanne H. Plimpton,

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

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

**Name:** Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) (1115).

**Date/Time:** December 7, 2016; 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., December 8, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Open.

**Contact Person:** Brenda Williams, National Science Foundation, 4201

Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1105, Arlington, Virginia 22230; 703-292-8900.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities on the CISE community. To provide advice to the Assistant Director for CISE on issues related to long-range planning, and to form ad hoc subcommittees and working groups to carry out needed studies and tasks.

**Agenda:**

Welcome and CISE updates  
Program updates for CISE divisions  
Presentation and discussion of the CISE AC data science report  
NSF Big Ideas discussion  
Closing remarks and wrap-up

Dated: November 10, 2016.

**Suzanne Plimpton,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2016-0232]

### Response of Nuclear Power Plant Instrumentation Cables When Exposed to Fire Conditions—Test Plan

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft test plan; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting public comment on the draft test plan entitled, “Response of Nuclear Power Plant Instrumentation Cables When Exposed to Fire Conditions—Test Plan,” in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing this document is available to the NRC staff. The purpose of this draft test plan is to better understand the fire-induced failure modes of instrumentation cables and evaluate the potential effect those failure modes could have on plant instrumentation circuits (*i.e.*, circuit, component, and/or system response).

**DATES:** Submit comments by December 16, 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 on or 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-2016-0232. 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:**

Gabriel Taylor, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0781, email: [Gabriel.Taylor@nrc.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Taylor@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0232 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-2016-0232.

- **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). The draft test plan, “Response of Nuclear Power Plant Instrumentation Cables When Exposed to Fire Conditions—Test Plan,” is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16309A608.

- **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-2016-0232 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 posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as entering 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 into ADAMS.

#### II. Discussion

In 1990, the NRC sponsored a series of tests at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) to investigate the effects of thermal aging on fire damageability, documented in NUREG/CR-5546, “An Investigation of the Effects of Thermal Aging on the Fire Damageability of Electric Cables” (ADAMS Accession No. ML041270223). An instrumentation cable was tested to determine the failure time and temperature for both aged and unaged cables. During the testing, levels of leakage current, on the order of 15 mA, were observed prior to the onset of catastrophic failure. In 2001, additional testing was performed by the Nuclear Energy Institute and the Electric Power Research Institute. The NRC was invited to observe and participate by sponsoring SNL to evaluate various cables and instrumentation techniques. Six tests included instrumentation cables and those results are documented in NUREG/CR-6776, “Cable Insulation Resistance Measurements Made During Cable Fire Tests” (ADAMS Accession No. ML022600316). Those results indicated pronounced differences observed between the failure of the thermoplastic and thermoset insulated cables. In previous years the NRC has published cable functionality test reports which focused on power and control cables when exposed to fire conditions including: NUREG/CR-7102, “Kerite Analysis in Thermal Environment of FIRE (KATE-Fire): Test Results” (ADAMS Accession No.