to consider “proposing regulations, consistent with applicable law, including 29 U.S.C. 50, that promote the development of apprenticeship programs.” Under section 4(a) of the Executive Order, these accreditors may include trade and industry groups, companies, non-profit organizations, unions, and joint labor-management organizations. Section 4(a) also directs the Department to determine how qualified accreditors may provide recognition to “industry-recognized apprenticeship programs,” and to “establish guidelines or requirements that qualified [accreditors] should or must follow to ensure that [the industry-recognized] apprenticeship programs they recognize meet quality standards.”

The Secretary has determined to move forward with the development of the industry-recognized apprenticeship programs contemplated by the foregoing provisions of the Executive Order. To accomplish this goal, the Department issued an interim informational and guidance document (TEN No., 3–18) on July 27, 2018 titled “Creating Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs to Expand Opportunity in America.” According to the TEN, these new industry-recognized apprenticeship programs will be reviewed and recognized by qualified accrediting entities; the accrediting entities, in turn, may request a determination from the Department concerning their qualifications to act as an accreditor. The Department intends to promulgate a regulation amending 29 CFR part 29; this regulation would, among other things, establish guidelines or requirements that qualified entities must follow to ensure that the industry-recognized programs they accredit meet quality standards.

The TEN provides interim information and guidance to accreditors on the process for obtaining a determination from the Department on whether that entity’s standards meet the criteria outlined in TEN No. 3–18. To obtain a favorable determination from the Department, the accrediting entity should, among other things, demonstrate that it has received broad sector-wide input and consensus in the setting of industry-wide quality standards. The accrediting entity should also demonstrate that their program accreditation process ensures that the industry programs will operate in a manner consistent with DOL-identified hallmarks of high-quality apprenticeship programs. To collect the information necessary for the Department to determine whether the entity accrediting these industry-recognized apprenticeship programs has satisfied the foregoing criteria, the Department proposes the development of a form titled “Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs Accrediting Entity Information.” intended for completion by the accrediting entity, that will enable the Department to determine whether that entity’s standards meet the criteria outlined in the TEN. An electronic version of this information collection form will be posted on the Department’s website, and will be capable of being completed and submitted online.

Under the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937, the Secretary of Labor is charged with the establishment of labor standards designed to safeguard the welfare of apprentices and promote apprenticeship opportunity. Pursuant to this statutory authority, and in furtherance of the policy objectives stated in Executive Order 13801, the Secretary has determined that the immediate establishment of industry-recognized apprenticeship programs is a matter of vital national interest. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) authorizes this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless OMB under the PRA approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the ADDRESSES section of this notice. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention 1205–0NEW.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments. DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–ETA.
Type of Review: New.
Title of Collection: Data Collections from Industry-Recognized Programs Accreditors.
Form: Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs Accrediting Entity Information.
OMB Control Number: 1205–0NEW.
Affected Public: Individuals/ households, state/local/tribal governments, Federal government, private sector (businesses or other for-profits, and, not-for-profit institutions).
Estimated Total Annual Respondents: 308.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 308.
Frequency: Generally, once every five years.
Total Estimated Annual Responses: 308.
Estimated Average Time per Response: 82 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,980.
Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: 50.
Rosemary Lahasky,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
[Agency Docket Number DOL–2018–0005]

Notice of Publication of 2018 Update to the Department of Labor’s List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Announcement of public availability of updated list of goods.
SUMMARY: This notice announces the publication of an updated list of goods—along with countries of origin—that the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) has reason to believe are produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards (TVPRA List). ILAB is required to develop and make available to the public the TVPRA List pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2005, as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Rigby, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, at (202) 693–4843 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) announces the publication of the eighth edition of the List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor (TVPRA List), pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2005, as amended. ILAB published the initial TVPRA List on September 10, 2009, and has since published seven updated editions. The 2018 edition adds 10 new goods (amber, bovines, cabbages, carrots, cereal grains, lettuce, mica, peppers, sheep, and sweet potatoes) from particular countries and one new country (Eswatini) to the TVPRA List. This edition also features the removal from the TVPRA List of physic nuts from Burma produced by forced labor, sugarcane from Panama produced by child labor, and cotton from both Paraguay and Uzbekistan produced by child labor. Section 105(b) of the TVPRA mandates that ILAB develop and publish a list of goods from countries that ILAB “has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards.” 22 U.S.C. 7112(b)(2). ILAB’s Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) carries out this mandate. The primary purposes of the TVPRA List are to raise public awareness about the incidence of child labor and forced labor in the production of goods in the countries listed and to promote efforts to eliminate such practices. A full report, including the updated TVPRA List and a discussion of the TVPRA List’s methodology, as well as Frequently Asked Questions and a bibliography of sources, are available on the Department of Labor website at: http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/.


Signed at Washington, DC, this 13th day of September 2018.

Martha E. Newton,
Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs.
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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
[Notice: (18–070)]

NASA Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Astrophysics Advisory Committee. This Committee reports to the Director, Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Monday, October 22, 2018, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the USA toll free conference call number 1–888–324–2912 or toll number 1–312–470–7002, passcode 7682264, to participate in this meeting by telephone on both days. The WebEx link is https://nasa.webex.com/: the meeting number on October 22 is 991 683 794, password is APAC1018#; and the meeting number on October 23 is 998 343 087, password is APAC1018#.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:
• Astrophysics Division Update
• Updates on Specific Astrophysics Missions
• Reports from the Program Analysis Groups

The agenda will be posted on the Astrophysics Advisory Committee web page: https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/nac/science-advisory-committees/apac

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Patricia Rausch,
Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 22, 2018. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESS: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–8030, or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.