

Federal Register – March 2018

<p>NSF New Reporting Requirements Regarding Findings of Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault, 83 Federal Register 9342, March 5, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is soliciting public comment on the agency's proposed implementation of the new reporting requirements specified in NSF Important Notice No. 144, dated February 8, 2018. NSF has developed a new proposed term and condition that will require awardee organizations to report findings/determinations of sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault, regarding an NSF funded PI, or any co-PI. The term and condition also will require the awardee to notify NSF if it places the PI or any co-PI on administrative leave relating to a harassment finding or investigation.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 4, 2018</p>
<p>Federal Preemption and State Regulation of the Department of Education's Federal Student Loan Programs and Federal Student Loan Servicers, 83 Federal Register 10619, March 12, 2018</p>	<p>RULE - INTERPRETATION: Recently, several States have enacted regulatory regimes that impose new regulatory requirements on servicers of loans under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct Loan Program). States also impose disclosure requirements on loan servicers with respect to loans made under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). Finally, State regulations impact Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program servicing. The Department believes such regulation is preempted by Federal law. The Department issues this notice to clarify further the Federal interests in this area.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 2018</p>
<p>Privacy Act of 1974; ED System of Records, 83 Federal Register 11189, March 14, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Department of Education (the Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled "Impact Study of Feedback for Teachers based on Classroom Videos (18-13-40)." This system contains individually identifying information provided by individuals and school districts who participate in the impact study. The information contained in the records maintained in this system will be used to conduct a rigorous study of the effectiveness of support to teachers based on their teaching practices within their classroom.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: April 13, 2018</p>
<p>Proposed Changes to the HRSA Graduate Psychology Education Program, 83 Federal Register 11212, March 14, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program is authorized by section 756 of the Public Health Service Act and administered by HRSA. The program provides financial support to organizations and</p>

	<p>institutions that train doctoral-level psychologists. This notice seeks public comment to inform and guide policy and planning associated with the GPE Program.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: April 13, 2018</p>
<p>Laboratory Animal Welfare: Coordination and Harmonization of Regulations and Policies, 83 Federal Register 11221, March 14, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking information to improve the coordination of regulations and policies with respect to research with laboratory animals as required by the 21st Century Cures Act, Section 2034(d). The request for information is a coordinated effort of the Director of the National Institutes of Health in collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to reduce administrative burden on investigators while maintaining the integrity and credibility of research findings and protection of research animals.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 12, 2018</p>
<p>Clarification on Endorsement of Nuclear Energy Institute Guidance in Designing Digital Upgrades in Instrumentation and Control Systems, 83 Federal Register 11154, March 14, 2018</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking public comment on the draft Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2002-22, Supplement 1, "Clarification on Endorsement of Nuclear Energy Institute Guidance in Designing Digital Upgrades in Instrumentation and Control Systems." This RIS Supplement clarifies the guidance in RIS 2002-22, which remains in effect. The NRC continues to endorse Nuclear Energy Institute 01-01 (NEI-01-01) as stated in RIS 2002-22, as clarified by the RIS Supplement. The RIS is intended for all holders of and applicants for power reactor operating licenses or construction permit, including existing non-power reactors.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: March 29, 2018</p>
<p>Extension of Employment Authorization for Syrian F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of Civil Unrest in Syria Since March 2011, 83 Federal Register 11553, March 15, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: This notice informs the public of the extension of an earlier notice, which suspended certain requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Syria and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the civil unrest in Syria since March 2011. This notice extends the effective date of that notice. The extension of the suspension applies to such students whose country of citizenship is Syria and who lawfully obtained F-1 nonimmigrant student status by September 9, 2016.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2018</p>
<p>Draft Guidance on Expanded Access to TSCA Confidential Business Information; Notice of Availability and Comment Request, 83 Federal Register 11748, March 16, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act in June 2016 expand the categories of people to whom EPA may disclose TSCA confidential business information (CBI) by specifically authorizing EPA to disclose TSCA CBI to state, tribal, and local governments; environmental, health, and medical professionals; and emergency responders, under certain</p>

	<p>conditions, including consistency with guidance that EPA is required to develop. Those potentially affected by this action include state government employees or those in the private sector whose duties concern: Chemical regulation; chemical-related law enforcement; diagnosing or treating chemical exposures; and/or chemical spill, incident, accident, or emergency response, including injury to humans or the environment.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: April 16, 2018</p>
<p>Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request; Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for Which Public Health Service (PHS) Funding Is Sought and Responsible Prospective Contractors, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA), Office of Extramural Research (OER), Office of the Director, (OD), 83 Federal Register 11763, March 16, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: This request is for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a Reinstatement without change of a currently approved collection resulting from the development of revised regulations regarding the Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for which PHS Funding is Sought (42 CFR part 50, subpart F) and Responsible Prospective Contractors (45 CFR part 94). The purpose of these regulations is to promote objectivity in research by requiring institutions to establish standards to ensure that there is no reasonable expectation that the design, conduct, or reporting of PHS-funded research will be biased by any Investigator financial conflict of interest (FCOI).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 15, 2018</p>
<p>Unfair Immigration-Related Employment Practices Complaint Form (New), 83 Federal Register 12029, March 19, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: Section 274B of the INA prohibits: employment discrimination on the basis of citizenship status or national origin; retaliation or intimidation by an employer against an individual seeking to exercise his or her rights under this section; and "document abuse" or over-documentation by the employer, which occurs when the employer asks an applicant or employee for more or different documents than required for employment eligibility verification under INA section 274A, with the intent of discriminating against the employee in violation of section 274B. Individuals who believe that they have suffered discrimination in violation of section 274B may file a charge with the Department of Justice, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC). The OSC then has 120 days to determine whether to file a complaint with OCAHO on behalf of the individual charging party. If the OSC chooses not to file a complaint, the individual may then file his or her own complaint directly with OCAHO.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 18, 2018</p>
<p>FCC New Information Collection - Section 74.803(c) and (d), Wireless Microphones, 83 Federal Register 12187, March 20, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The FCC permits certain qualifying professional theaters, music, and performing arts organizations to obtain a part 74 license that would allow them as</p>

	<p>licensees to obtain such interference protection in the TV bands and, when needed, also to operate in other spectrum bands available for licensed wireless microphone operations under part 74. This proposed information collection would be required to obtain or retain these benefits.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: April 19, 2018</p>
<p>DoD Proposed Information Collection – Basic Criminal History and Statement of Admission, DD Form 2981, 83 Federal Register 13482, March 29, 2018</p>	<p>PROPOSED INFORMATION COLLECTION: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain a self-reported record of criminal history from each individual who comes into regular, reoccurring contact with children under the age of 18 years. Start Printed Page 13483 Individuals are required to self-report any arrests, charges or convictions that would keep the individual from obtaining or maintaining a favorable suitability or fitness determination. Programs impacted are referenced within the 42 U.S. Code § 13041 and include impacted individuals such as employees, DoD contractors, providers, adults residing in a family child care home, volunteers, and others with regular reoccurring contact with children.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 29, 2018</p>
<p>Maintenance of Copies of FCC Rules, 83 Federal Register 13679, March 30, 2018</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: In this Order, we eliminate rules that require certain broadcast and cable entities to maintain paper copies of the Commission's regulations. As part of our initiative to modernize our media regulations, we issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to eliminate requirements that regulatees maintain copies of certain portions of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). We received unanimous support for this proposal. As set forth below, we conclude that eliminating these requirements, which apply to low power TV, TV and FM translators, TV and FM booster stations, cable television relay station (CARS) licensees, and certain cable operators, will advance the Commission's goal of reducing outdated regulations and unnecessary regulatory burdens that can impede competition and innovation in media markets.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 30, 2018</p>
<p>60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Nonimmigrant Visa, 83 Federal Register 13807, March 30, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: The State Department adding several additional questions for nonimmigrant visa applicants. One question lists multiple social media platforms and requires the applicant to provide any identifiers used by applicants for those platforms during the five years preceding the date of application. In addition, the applicant will be given the option to provide information about any social media identifiers associated with any platforms other than those that are listed that the</p>

applicant has used in the last five years. The Department will collect this information from visa applicants for identity resolution and vetting purposes based on statutory visa eligibility standards; however, the Department intends not to routinely ask the question of applicants for specific visa classifications, such as most diplomatic and official visa applicants. Other questions seek five years of previously used telephone numbers, email addresses, and international travel; whether the applicant has been deported or removed from any country; and whether specified family members have been involved in terrorist activities. Additionally, some E-nonimmigrant visa applicants will be asked whether the principal treaty trader was issued a visa. The "Sign and Submit" statement will provide applicants additional information related to correcting records within Federal Bureau of Investigation databases. Finally, the revised visa application forms will include additional information regarding the visa medical examination that some applicants may be required to undergo. Additional details of the changes are available in supporting documents.

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[Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations \(amending 12VAC5-481-10, 12VAC5-481-2970, 12VAC5-481-3000, 12VAC5-481-3130\), Volume 34, Issue 14 Virginia Register of Regulations, March 5, 2018](#)

FINAL REGULATION: Virginia is required to ensure that its regulations are compatible with Title 10, Energy, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This regulatory action amends 12VAC5-481 to implement revisions of 10 CFR from 2015. The amendments (i) correct the definition of "written directive," (ii) add Table 3 to the exemption provision in 12VAC5-481-2970 regarding shipment or carriage of certain low-level materials, (iii) change where a licensee must first submit written information prior to using an NRC-approved package, (iv) clarify responsibility for certain quality assurance requirements, and (v) make other technical corrections.

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[Regulations Governing the Practice of Occupational Therapy \(amending 18VAC85-80-71\), Volume 34, Issue 14 Virginia Register of Regulations, March 5, 2018](#)

WITHDRAWAL OF REGULATORY ACTION: The board has withdrawn the regulatory action, which included a provision allowing a licensee to fulfill the requirement for continuing education by maintenance of current certification by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy. Other changes in the regulatory action were adopted in a separate action that became effective on December 14, 2017 ([34:5 VA.R. 574-576 October 30, 2017](#)).

<p>Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (amending 18VAC90-19-50), Volume 34, Issue 14 Virginia Register of Regulations, March 5, 2018</p>	<p>FINAL REGULATION: The amendment requires that a nurse's name badge must follow the policy of the employment setting for name identification of health care practitioners. EFFECTIVE DATE: April 4, 2018</p>
<p>VA Guidance Documents, Volume 34, Issue 14 Virginia Register of Regulations, March 5, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: Provides a list of Virginia Guidance Documents currently in effect.</p>
<p>VA Guidance Documents, Volume 34, Issue 15 Virginia Register of Regulations, March 19, 2018</p>	<p>NOTICE: Provides a list of Guidance documents in effect for the Dep't of Emergency Management, SCHEV, and the University of Mary Washington.</p>