

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Draft Environmental Impact Statement—South Mall Campus Master Plan

AGENCY: National Capital Planning Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment; notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC or Commission) has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Smithsonian Institution’s (SI) South Mall Campus Master Plan. The DEIS is available for comment as of the date of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before by January 16, 2018. Two public meetings will be held to discuss the DEIS:

1. Monday, December 11, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and
2. Monday, December 18, 2017, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the National Capital Planning Commission, 401 9th Street NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004.

A copy of the DEIS is available for review at NCPC, or at: <https://www.ncpc.gov/> and <http://www.southmallcampus.si.edu/>

You may submit written comments on the DEIS by either of the methods listed below.

1. *U.S. mail, courier, or hand delivery:* Urban Design & Plan Review Division/ National Capital Planning Commission, 401 9th Street NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004.

2. *Electronically:* commentsonsouthcampus@si.edu

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Flis, Senior Urban Designer at (202) 482–7236 or matthew.flis@ncpc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Meetings

No prior registration is required to speak at the meetings. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request to the contact individual noted above.

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NCPC, acting as lead federal agency, along with SI, as the project owner, and in cooperation with the National Park Service, has prepared the DEIS to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the South Mall Campus Master Plan. The DEIS has been prepared in compliance with the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). SI proposes to prepare a Master Plan for its South Mall Campus to guide future short-term and long-term renovation and development of the 12-acre campus by establishing holistic planning and design principles. The campus currently includes five principle buildings and four designed gardens, located on the southern side of the National Mall within the monumental core of downtown Washington, DC. The Master Plan would be implemented over a 20 to 30 year period. The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide future short-term and long-term renovation of the South Mall Campus. The Master Plan is needed to meet SI’s long-term space requirements, and to address operational deficiencies across the campus that impact visitor use and experience, as well as SI’s ability to implement its programs effectively and safely. The project goals are to preserve and protect the historic buildings and features of the campus, improve and expand visitor services and education, create clear accessible entrances and connections between the museums, gardens and surrounding context, and replace aging and inefficient building systems in order to better protect collections and decrease SI’s carbon footprint. The DEIS evaluates three master plan action alternatives, along with a no-action alternative.

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Dated: November 8, 2017.

Anne R. Schuyler,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Information—Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, Chaired by the National Science Foundation

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC), chaired by the National Science Foundation, is seeking comment from the public on how best to revise and strengthen the Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic (<https://www.nsf.gov/geo/opp/arctic/conduct.jsp>). These Principles were adopted in 1990 by the federal agencies that participate in IARPC and published in 1990. Since 1990, community

engagement and Arctic research have advanced both in theory and in practice, necessitating a review and update of the current Principles. The update will focus on communicating clearly the Principles for community engagement by Arctic researchers and including language that describes partnerships and collaborations with Indigenous scholars, enhanced community-based observations, fostering community-based participatory research, and the integral contributions of Indigenous knowledge in the co-production and dissemination of knowledge. Input is also sought on enhancing the dissemination and implementation of the Principles.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted no later than January 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Email comments to iarpccprinciples@nsf.gov. Address written submissions to Renee Crain, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Renee Crain at 703–292–4482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All researchers working in the North have an ethical responsibility toward northern communities, their cultures, and the environment. The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) developed the *Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic* to provide guidance for researchers in the physical, biological, behavioral, health, economic, political, and social sciences and in the humanities. The current Principles were prepared by the Social Science Task Force of the U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, approved by the IARPC on June 28, 1990, and published by IARPC in volume 9, (Spring, 1995, pp. 56–57) of the journal “Arctic Research of the United States” (<https://www.arctic.gov/publications/related/arotus.html>).

The Principles address the need to promote mutual respect and communication between scientists and northern residents. These Principles are to be observed when carrying out or sponsoring research in the Arctic or when applying the results of this research. Since 1990, new theoretical and methodological approaches to community engagement and Arctic research have emerged necessitating a review and update of the current Principles with an aim to including more language on partnerships and collaborations, including increased engagement with Indigenous scholars, enhanced community-based

observations, fostering community-based participatory research, and the integral contributions of Indigenous knowledge in the co-production and dissemination of knowledge.

IARPC requests input from the public on how best to revise and strengthen the Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic (<https://www.nsf.gov/geo/opp/arctic/conduct.jsp>), on how to disseminate the Principles, and on supporting the implementation of the Principles. Collaboration is needed at all stages of research planning, implementation, and reporting of projects that directly affect northern communities. Cooperation will contribute to a better understanding of the potential benefits of Arctic research for northern residents and will enhance the development of Arctic science by including Indigenous knowledge and experience.

IARPC is interested in all suggestions for how to improve the Principles and information about how consultation and collaboration are working. The Working Group leading this effort drafted the following list of questions to consider. We welcome input on these issues and any others the public deems relevant.

- What are the most important 3–5 principles for researchers to follow?
- What elements of the Principles should be retained?
- What are ways in which engagement between researchers and communities can be improved?
- How can the Principles be made more widely known to researchers and to northern residents?

The effort to revise the Principles is intended to collect input from the broadest set of stakeholders on the Principles document to include northern residents, Alaska Native communities, other Arctic Indigenous peoples, researchers, state and federal agency representatives, and others.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee On Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning And Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on December 6, 2017, 11545 Rockville Pike,

Room T–2B3, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, December 6, 2017—12:00 p.m. Until 1:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Quynh Nguyen (Telephone 301–415–5844 or Email: Quynh.Nguyen@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2017 (82 FR 46312).

Information regarding changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the DFO if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. After registering with Security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown at 301–415–6207 to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 9, 2017.

Mark L. Banks,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2017–0211]

Standard Review Plan for Spent Fuel Dry Storage Systems and Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft NUREG; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft NUREG, NUREG–2215, “Standard Review Plan for Spent Fuel Dry Storage Systems and Facilities.” This Standard Review Plan (SRP) provides guidance to the NRC staff for reviewing Safety Analysis Reports (SARs) for (1) a Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for a dry storage system (DSS) for use at a general license facility, and (2) a specific license for a dry storage facility (DSF) that is either an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) or a monitored retrievable storage installation (MRS). This draft SRP will replace NUREG–1536, “Standard Review Plan for Dry Cask Storage Systems,” NUREG–1567, “Standard Review Plan for Spent Fuel Dry Storage Facilities, and all Interim Staff Guidance (ISGs) that were used to enhance these NUREGs.

DATES: Submit comments by January 2, 2018. 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:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0211. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–2–A13, 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: Jeremy Smith, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,