

solicit proposals in response to NSF need for services. Impact will be on those individuals or organizations who elect to submit proposals in response to the RFP. Information gathered will be evaluated in light of NSF procurement requirements to determine who will be awarded a contract.

*Estimate of Burden:* The Foundation estimates that, on average, 558 hours per respondent will be required to complete the RFP.

*Respondents:* Individuals; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 75.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 41,850 hours.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board; Workshop on Hurricane Science and Engineering

*Date and Time:* April 18, 2006, 8 a.m.–6:15 p.m. (CT).

*Place:* Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, 40 South Alcaniz Street, Pensacola, Florida.

*Contact Information:* Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for updated Agenda. NSB Office; Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney (703) 292-7000.

*Status:* This Workshop will be open to the public.

#### Provisional Agenda

*Toward a National Agenda for Hurricane Science and Engineering, Workshop #3: Academic Research Perspectives*

8 a.m. Welcoming Remarks—Dr. Warren M. Washington, Chairman, National Science Board.

8:05 a.m. Motivation, Purpose and Goals. Drs. Kelvin K. Droegemeier and Ken Ford, National Science Board Members and co-chairs of Board Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering.

8:20 a.m. Process and Logistics for NSB Workshops. Dr. Michael Crosby, Executive Officer, National Science Board.

8:30 a.m. Panel Session I: Physical, Biological and Ecological Sciences.

10:10 a.m. Roundtable Discussion.

10:40 a.m. Break.

10:55 a.m. Panel Session II: Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences.

12:15 a.m. Roundtable Discussion.

12:45 a.m. Break.

2 p.m. Panel Session III: Engineering and Infrastructure.

3:40 p.m. Roundtable Discussion.

4:10 p.m. Break-Out Groups (Sessions I, II, III).

5:15 p.m. Break-Out Group Reports and Discussion 5 p.m. Summary and Next Steps.

6:15 p.m. Adjourn.

**Michael P. Crosby,**

*Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 110, Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0036.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export: (a) Nuclear equipment and material subject to the requirements of a specific license, (b) radioactive waste subject to the requirements of a specific license, and (c) incidental radioactive material that is a contaminant of shipments of more than 100 kilograms of non-waste material using existing NRC general licenses.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 62.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 857 [478 reporting + 379 recordkeeping (0.66 hours per response)].

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 110 provides application, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements for export

and imports of nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of a specific license or a general license and exports of incidental radioactive material. The information collected and maintained pursuant to 10 CFR part 110 enables the NRC to authorize only imports and exports which are not inimical to U.S. common defense and security and which meet applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements.

Submit, by June 12, 2006, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton (T-5F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to [INFOCOLLECT@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECT@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of April 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Draft 2006 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** OMB requests comments on 2006 Draft Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulation. The full Draft Report is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infoereg/regpol-reports\\_congress.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infoereg/regpol-reports_congress.html), and is divided into three chapters. Chapter I presents estimates of the costs and benefits of Federal regulation and paperwork, with an emphasis on the major regulations issued between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005. Chapter II provides an update on OMB's ongoing historical examination of the trends in Federal regulatory activity. Chapter III discusses international developments in regulatory policy.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration of comments as OMB prepares this Draft Report for submission to Congress, comments must be in writing and received by July 12, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** We are still experiencing delays in the regular mail, including first class and express mail. To ensure that your comments are received, we recommend that comments on this draft report be electronically mailed to [OIRA\\_BC\\_RPT@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_BC_RPT@omb.eop.gov), or faxed to (202) 395-7245. You may also submit comments to Lorraine Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. For Further Information, contact: Lorraine Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-3084. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public, including by posting them on OMB's Web site. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Congress directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to prepare an annual Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations. Specifically, Section 624 of the FY 2001 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, also known as the "Regulatory Right-to-Know Act," (the Act) requires OMB to submit a report on the costs and benefits of Federal regulations together with recommendation for reform. The Act states that the report should contain

estimates of the costs and benefits of regulations in the aggregate, by agency and agency program, and by major rule, as well as an analysis of impacts of Federal regulation on State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, wages, and economic growth. The Act also states that the report should go through notice and comment and peer review.

**Donald R. Arbuckle,**

*Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 27283; 812-12947]

### Van Eck Associates Corporation, et al.; Notice of Application

April 7, 2006.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 24(d) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act, under section 12(d)(1)(f) for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Act.

*Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order that would permit (a) series of open-end management investment companies, to issue shares ("Shares") that can be redeemed only in large aggregations ("Creation Units"); (b) secondary market transactions in Shares to occur at negotiated prices; (c) dealers to sell Shares to purchasers in the secondary market unaccompanied by a prospectus when prospectus delivery is not required by the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"); (d) certain affiliated persons of the series to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the series in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units; and (e) certain registered management investment companies and unit investment trusts outside of the same group of investment companies as the series to acquire Shares.

*Applicants:* Van Eck Associates Corporation (the "Adviser"); Market Vectors—Gold Miners ETF (the "Trust"); and Van Eck Securities Corporation (the "Distributor").

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on March 25, 2003, and amended on February 3, 2006. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in the notice.

*Hearing or Notification of Hearing:* An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on May 1, 2006, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090; Applicants, 99 Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deepak T. Pai, Senior Counsel at (202) 551-6876, or Michael W. Mundt, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Public Reference Desk, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington DC 20549-0102, telephone (202) 551-5850.

### Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust is registered as an open-end management investment company and is organized as a Delaware trust authorized to issue multiple series. The Trust intends to offer and sell shares of one or more series (each an "Index Fund"), including the Market Vectors—Gold Miners ETF ("Initial Index Fund"). The Adviser is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act") and will serve as the investment adviser to each Index Fund. In the future, the Adviser may enter into sub-advisory agreements with other investment advisers to act as "sub-advisers" with respect to particular Index Funds. Any sub-adviser will be registered under the Advisers Act or exempt from registration. The