

certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Permit Application No. 2011-023, Joseph Levy, Department of Geology, Portland State University, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to enter the Garwood Valley to collect algal mats from sediment outcrops where exposed, and from the surface of ponds. The goal of the project is to define the rate of geomorphic change in Garwood Valley in response to changing climate conditions. The geomorphic record will be reconstructed over the past 1-2 kyr to infer past climate-driven landscape alteration at the end of the LGM and examine the current episode of landscape changes, including assessing the thermal equilibrium of buried massive ice. The past and current geomorphic changes will be used as a guide for predicting landscape response in the Dry Valleys should the >130 km² of ice-cored terrain in the valleys also begin to melt.

Location: Garwood Valley, Dry Valleys.

Dates: January 1, 2011 to February 1, 2014.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2010-0331]

Appointments To Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Appointment to Performance Review Board for Senior Executive Service.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in the membership of the Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 2010 (75 FR 65673), the NRC published its list of Performance Review Board appointees pursuant to the regulations at 5 CFR 430.310 (74 FR 51261). This notice announces the appointment of Charles L. Miller to the

Performance Review Board in place of Catherine Haney, who is unavailable to participate this year. The NRC Performance Review Board (PRB) is responsible for making recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities on performance appraisal ratings and performance awards for Senior Executives and Senior Level employees. For the public's convenience, an updated membership list of the Performance Review Board is provided below:

Darren B. Ash, Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Management, Office of the Executive Director for Operations;
R. W. Borchart, Executive Director for Operations;
Stephen G. Burns, General Counsel;
Elmo E. Collins, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region IV;
Margaret M. Doane, Director, Office of International Programs;
James E. Dyer, Chief Financial Officer;
Kathryn O. Greene, Director, Office of Administration;
Eric J. Leeds, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation;
Charles L. Miller, Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs;
Martin J. Virgilio, Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs, Office of the Executive Director for Operations;
Michael F. Weber, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, and Compliance Programs, Office of the Executive Director for Operations;
James T. Wiggins, Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

The following individuals will serve as members of the NRC PRB Panel that was established to review appraisals and make recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities for NRC PRB members:

Marvin L. Itzkowitz, Associate General Counsel for Hearings, Enforcement, and Administration, Office of the General Counsel;
Michael R. Johnson, Director, Office of New Reactors;
Brian W. Sheron, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

All appointments are made pursuant to Section 4314 of Chapter 43 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 3, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Secretary, Executive Resources Board, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 492-2076.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 23rd day of November, 2010.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Miriam Cohen,

Secretary, Executive Resources Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Order Extending and Modifying Temporary Exemptions Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in Connection With Request of Ice Trust U.S. LLC Related to Central Clearing of Credit Default Swaps and Request for Comment

November 29, 2010.

I. Introduction

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has taken multiple actions designed to help foster the prompt development of credit default swap ("CDS") central counterparties ("CCP"), including granting temporary conditional exemptions from certain provisions of the Federal securities laws.¹

¹ See generally Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 60372 (Jul. 23, 2009), 74 FR 37748 (Jul. 29, 2009) and 61973 (Apr. 23, 2010), 75 FR 22656 (Apr. 29, 2010) (temporary exemptions in connection with CDS clearing by ICE Clear Europe Limited); Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 60373 (Jul. 23, 2009), 74 FR 37740 (Jul. 29, 2009) and 61975 (Apr. 23, 2010), 75 FR 22641 (Apr. 29, 2010) (temporary exemptions in connection with CDS clearing by Eurex Clearing AG); Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 59578 (Mar. 13, 2009), 74 FR 11781 (Mar. 19, 2009), 61164 (Dec. 14, 2009), 74 FR 67258 (Dec. 18, 2009), and 61803 (Mar. 30, 2010), 75 FR 17181 (Apr. 5, 2010) (temporary exemptions in connection with CDS clearing by Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.); Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 59527 (Mar. 6, 2009), 74 FR 10791 (Mar. 12, 2009) ("March 2009 ICE Trust Exemptive Order"), 61119 (Dec. 4, 2009), 74 FR 65554 (Dec. 10, 2009) ("December 2009 ICE Trust Exemptive Order"), and 61662 (Mar. 5, 2010), 75 FR 11589 (Mar. 11, 2010) ("March 2010 ICE Trust Exemptive Order," and together with the March 2009 ICE Trust Exemptive Order and December 2009 ICE Trust Exemptive Order the "ICE Trust Exemptive Orders") (temporary exemptions in connection with CDS clearing by ICE Trust U.S. LLC); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59164 (Dec. 24, 2008), 74 FR 139 (Jan. 2, 2009) (temporary exemptions in connection with CDS clearing by LIFFE A&M and LCH.Clearnet Ltd.); and other Commission actions discussed in several of these orders. In addition, the Commission has issued interim final temporary rules that provide exemptions under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for CDS to facilitate the operation of one or more central counterparties for the CDS market. See Securities Act Release Nos. 8999 (Jan. 14, 2009), 74 FR 3967 (Jan. 22, 2009) (initial approval), 9063 (Sep. 14, 2009), 74 FR 47719 (Sep. 17, 2009) (extension until Nov. 30, 2010), and 9158 (Nov. 30, 2010) (extension until Jul. 16, 2011).