

the applicable form from OSHA's Web site. The forms would expedite the application process for employers, and ensure that the information on the application is complete and accurate.

The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to approve these information collection requirements and variance application forms.

*Type of Review:* Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

*Title:* Information Collection Requirements for the Variance Regulations.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0NEW.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Frequency of Recordkeeping:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 12.

*Average Time per Response:* Ranges from 2 hours for an employer to assemble the application documents to 16 hours to locate and assemble information required to complete an application.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 366.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

#### IV. Public Participation: Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

Submit comments in response to this document: (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (OSHA Docket No. OSHA-2009-0024). To supplement electronic submissions, upload document files electronically. Send hard copies of materials to supplement electronic or facsimile submissions to the OSHA Docket Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice). The additional materials must clearly identify the associated electronic comments by name, date, and docket number so OSHA can attach them to the comments. Note that security-related procedures may result in significant delays in receiving comments and other written materials by regular mail. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about security procedures concerning delivery of materials by express mail, or messenger or courier service. The hours of operation for the OSHA Docket Office are 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m., e.t.

OSHA posts comments and other submissions without revision at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birth dates. Some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through <http://www.regulations.gov>. However, all submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

#### V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2007 (72 FR 31160).

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 29, 2010.

David Michaels,

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish 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 at Title 45 Part 670 of 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 March 10, 2010. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

*The applications received are as follows:*

1. *Applicant:* H. William Detrich, III, Department of Biology, 134 Mugar Hall, Northwestern University, Boston, MA 02115.

*Permit Application No:* 2010-023.

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to use *Escherichia coli* strain BL21DE3 for production of <sup>35</sup>S-labeled proteins to be used in protein folding assays performed in the Palmer Station laboratories. The applicant will continue analysis of a cold-functioning chaperonin protein folding system from testis tissue of the Antarctica fish, *Gobionotothen gibberifrons*. To demonstrate that the chaperonin is functional, they must use protein substrates labeled with <sup>35</sup>S-methionine. To obtain these proteins, they will express *G. gibberifrons* actin and tubulin substrates in *E. coli* in a medium supplemented with <sup>35</sup>S-methionine.

The *E. coli* will not be released to the environment. Cultures will be autoclaved to kill the bacteria, and the waste will be disposed via the radioactive materials waste stream using approved protocols.

#### Location

Palmer Station, Anvers Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* April 10, 2010 to June 8, 2010.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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