

date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sunil Iyengar, National Endowment for the Arts, via email at [NEAstrategicplanninggroup@arts.gov](mailto:NEAstrategicplanninggroup@arts.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. About the National Endowment for the Arts**

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency, providing funding and support to give Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Currently, the NEA supports arts organizations and artists in every Congressional district in the country.

**B. Request for Comments**

As a federal agency, the National Endowment for the Arts is required to establish a new strategic plan every four years. The Strategic Plan sets key priorities for the agency and presents management-focused objectives and strategies. The current draft plan is intended to align the NEA's strategic aims more closely with the needs of today, while elevating the vital and enduring role of the Agency within government and society at large. The NEA's draft Strategic Plan, covering fiscal years 2022–2026 can be found online, here: <https://www.arts.gov/strategic-plan-input>.

Through this Request for Comments, the NEA is seeking public input and comments from a broad array of stakeholders (see **SUMMARY**). A call for comments has also been posted to the agency's website: <https://www.arts.gov/strategic-plan-input>.

*Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 306.

Dated: August 17, 2021.

**Meghan Jugder,**

*Support Services Specialist, Office of Administrative Services & Contracts, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits

issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by September 20, 2021. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–7420, or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

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

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2019–001) to Ron Naveen, Oceanites Inc., on August 7, 2018. The issued permit allows the permit holder and agents to engage in take and harmful interference, as well as to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), to continue data collections activities conducted to support the Antarctic Site Inventory. Visitor site surveys may include censusing penguin and seabird colonies throughout the Antarctic Peninsula. There is the potential for slight disturbance of the birds during surveying and censusing. This permit addresses the potential for infrequent, minimal take or harmful interference of the several penguin and other seabird species. While conducting visitor site surveys and censuses, the permit holder and agents may enter a number of ASPAs in the Antarctic Peninsula region.

A recent modification to this permit, dated November 20, 2019, permitted the applicant to collect samples from adult gentoo penguins (*Pygoscelis papua*) for genetic analysis in order to study range expansion, colonization of new areas, and gene flow.

Now the applicant proposes a modification to his permit to include

use of unoccupied aerial systems (UAS) to enable more efficient monitoring of penguin breeding colonies and to improve penguin censusing capabilities in the Antarctic Peninsula region. The applicant has included a detailed list of mitigation measures to limit disturbance to wild populations throughout operations. The applicant also seeks to include opportunistic guano sampling under the existing permit to assist in analysis of penguin diet. Guano samples will be collected during planned operations within penguin colonies and the disturbance to wildlife is expected to be minimal.

*Location:* Western Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* September 1, 2018–August 31, 2023.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a 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 in 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 September 20, 2021. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

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

### Application Details

#### Permit Application: 2022–006

1. *Applicant:* Ron Naveen, Oceanites, PO Box 15259, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Waste management. The applicant seeks a waste management permit to expand upon existing research activities conducted in the West Antarctica Peninsula. The applicant seeks to use unoccupied aerial systems (UAS) to enable more efficient monitoring of penguin breeding sites and to increase penguin censusing capabilities. The permit will cover any unintentional or accidental loss of remotely piloted aircrafts through planned research operations. The applicant has provided a detailed mitigation plan to minimize risk of equipment loss, including use of observers and experienced pilots.

*Location:* West Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* November 1, 2021–August 31, 2023.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2021–0117]

### Acceptability of ASME Code Section III, Division 5, High Temperature Reactors

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft regulatory guide; draft NUREG; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG–1380 (proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide [RG] 1.87), “Acceptability of ASME Code Section III, Division 5, ‘High Temperature Reactors’” and accompanying draft NUREG–2245, “Technical Review of the 2017 Edition of ASME Section III, Division 5, ‘High Temperature Reactors,’” that documents the NRC staff’s review of the 2017 Edition of ASME Section III, Division 5, certain

portions of the 2019 Edition, and associated Code Cases N–861 and N–862. This DG describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC to meet regulatory requirements for mechanical/structural integrity of components that operate in elevated temperature environments and that are subject to time-dependent material properties and failure modes. It endorses, with conditions, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code) Section III, “Rules for Construction of Nuclear Facility Components,” Division 5, “High Temperature Reactors.” The draft NUREG provides the technical basis for DG–1380.

**DATES:** Submit comments by October 19, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2021–0117. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7–A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

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:

Jeffrey Poehler, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301–415–8353, email: [Jeffrey.Poehler@nrc.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Poehler@nrc.gov), Robert Roche-Rivera, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301–415–8113, email: [Robert.Roche-Rivera@nrc.gov](mailto:Robert.Roche-Rivera@nrc.gov), and Jordan Hoellman, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301–415–5481, email:

[Jordan.Hoellman2@nrc.gov](mailto:Jordan.Hoellman2@nrc.gov). All are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2021–0117 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2021–0117.
- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine, and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov) or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

##### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2021–0117 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS.

The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that