

8. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Agency-wide (N1-34-07-1, 313 items, 276 temporary items). Comprehensive agency schedule covering insured depository oversight records, administrative records, and operational records. Proposed for permanent retention are the minutes of the Board of Directors, program and policy records of the Board and divisions, failed financial institution records, and bank management simulation records.

9. Federal Housing Finance Board, Agency-wide (N1-485-08-1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records relating to policies and procedures for administrative functions such as travel, leave, procurement, and parking.

10. Federal Maritime Commission, Bureau of Certification and Licensing (N1-358-07-2, 7 items, 7 temporary items). Office of Passenger Vessels and Information Processing records including Performance Certificate and Casualty Certificate application case files; copies of Performance and Casualty Certificates; insurance policy and trust fund files; and copies of correspondence reading files. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

11. Federal Maritime Commission, Agency-wide (N1-358-07-3, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master file for an electronic information system which provides a contact list of all entities that are regulated by or do business with the Commission. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

12. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Office of Director and Chief of Staff (N1-280-06-1, 13 items, 7 temporary items). General correspondence, reading files, reference copies of official directives, working or background files, travel files, and congressional hearing and testimony files. Proposed for permanent retention are policy records of the Director, the Director's official calendar, official copies of directives, Director's speeches, presentations, and associated index, and Advisory Committee records.

13. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Office of General Counsel (N1-280-06-2, 7 items, 6 temporary items). Correspondence, case files, subpoena files, inquiry request files, congressional inquiry files, and reports to the Office of Management and Budget and General Services Administration. Proposed for permanent retention are legal opinion files.

14. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Department of

Public Affairs (N1-280-07-2, 5 items, 2 temporary items). Records include reference and convenience files.

Proposed for permanent retention are electronic publications, audio-visual records, and history files.

15. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Office of Budget and Finance (N1-280-07-4, 14 items, 11 temporary items). Budget estimates, correspondence, special analysis and year end reports, reference copies of budget documents maintained by other offices, telecommunication letters, and other budget records. Proposed for permanent retention are the official published budget submission, correspondence of the Director, and the five year strategic plan.

Dated: November 23, 2007.

Michael J. Kurtz,

Assistant Archivist for Records Services—Washington, DC.

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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, Pub. L. 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 January 2, 2008. 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Diana Wall, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1499. Permit Application No. 2008-031.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Cape Crozier (ASPA #124), and Cape Royds (ASPA #121) to collect soil invertebrates (nematodes). Samples were collected previously from these locations; however, molecular data on nematodes from these soils is lacking. Samples are needed to determine if there is a genetic variation in the population that is indiscernible from previously collected data.

Location: Cape Crozier (ASPA #124), Cape Royds (ASPA #121), and Cape Bird, Ross Island.

Dates: January 14, 2008 to February 15, 2008.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 2007, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on November 23, 2007 to:

Gary Hockman, Permit No. 2008-023

Geoff Haines-Stiles, Permit No. 2008–024
 Rennie S. Holt, Permit No. 2008–025
 Craig Tweedie, Permit No. 2008–028
 David L. Barbeau, Permit No. 2008–029

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 2007, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on November 28, 2007 to:

David Caron, Permit No. 2008–027

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit modification issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 2007, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a Waste

Management permit application received. A Waste Management permit was issued on November 26, 2007 to the following applicant:

Jon Bowermaster, Permit No.: 2008 WM–001

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

National Science Board; Roundtable Discussion on Cost Sharing

DATE AND TIME: December 7, 2007; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Richards, National Science Board Office, Telephone: (703) 292–7000, e-mail: jrichar@nsf.gov. Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for updated Agenda.

Status: This Roundtable Discussion will be open to the public.

Provisional Agenda

Roundtable Discussion on Cost Sharing

8 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

- Dr. Kelvin K. Droegemeier, National Science Board Member and Chair, Board Task Force on Cost Sharing

8:05 a.m. Motivation, Purpose and Goals

- Dr. Droegemeier

8:15 a.m. Process and Logistics for Board Workshops

- Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Director, National Science Board

8:25 a.m. Introduction of Participants

8:35 a.m. Remarks: History of Cost Sharing in Federally Funded Research and Key Issues in Cost Sharing

Speaker: Robert J. Hardy, Director, Contracts and Intellectual Property Management, Council on Governmental Relations (RMR Author)*

9:20 a.m. Direct and Indirect Impacts of Cost Sharing on the University Research Enterprise

Discussion Moderator: Howard Gobstein, Vice President for Research and Science Policy, NASULGC*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the effects of cost sharing

requirements on the academic R&D enterprise and the extent to which cost sharing impedes or promotes strategic financial investments in research by colleges and universities. Of further interest is the impact of cost sharing on the overall costs of academic R&D borne by universities and colleges.

10:10 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. The Nature and Role of Cost Sharing in the Proposal Decision Process

Discussion Moderator: Arthur Bienenstock, Special Assistant to the President for SLAC and Federal Research Policy, Stanford University (RMR Author)*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the fundamental philosophy of mandated and voluntary cost sharing in Federally funded research. Regarding voluntary cost sharing (or institutional commitment), the Board is specifically examining the extent to which these resources should be regulated and monitored, and the extent to which they should be considered as part of the peer review or agency decision processes if they bear on the investigator's or institution's ability to complete the proposed work.

11:15 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Impacts of Cost Sharing on University-Industry Research Partnerships

Discussion Moderator: Dan Mote, Co-Chair, Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining whether cost sharing policies can be tailored for effective application to specific types of programs (such as those involving industry), and whether the elimination of non-statutory cost sharing has had a positive or negative impact on those specific types of programs.

1:20 p.m. Reporting and Auditing of Cost Sharing: Agency and Institutional Perspectives

Discussion Moderators: Sarah Wasserman, former Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the nature and magnitude of the challenges for both Federal agencies and grantee institutions in tracking and reporting both mandatory and voluntary cost sharing.

2:10 p.m. Break

2:25 p.m. Preventing the "Have"/"Have Not" Gap in University Competition for Federal Research Grants

Discussion Moderator: Irwin Feller,