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**Patricia D. Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
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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 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 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 12, 2012. 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:** Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

**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.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Robert A. Blanchette, University of Minnesota, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108.

*Permit Application:* 2012-013.

*Activity for Which Permit Is*

*Requested:* Take and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to collect and transport fungi (mushrooms and other fruiting structures) for DNA extraction and taxonomic identification for investigations to better understand recycling organisms in the polar ecosystem. The applicant will also collect and transport soil samples to isolate soil microorganisms.

*Location:* Palmer Station vicinity, Anders Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* February 2, 2012 to December 31, 2014.

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

*Permit Application:* 2012-014.

*Activity for Which Permit Is*

*Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas and Introduce Non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 152-Western Bransfield Strait and ASPA 153-Eastern Dallmann Bay to capture Antarctic fish by trawling and trapping. The live fishes will be transported to the aquarium facilities at Palmer Station for experimentation. The applicant will use *Escherichia coli* strain BL21DE3 for the production of <sup>35</sup>S-labeled proteins to be used in protein folding assays in the continued analysis of a cold-functioning chaperonin protein folding system from testis tissue of the Antarctic fish.

*Location:* ASPA 152-Western Bransfield Strait and ASPA 153-Eastern Dallmann Bay, and Palmer Station, Anders Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* March 21, 2012 to June 21, 2012.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

*Dates:* March 14, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–

5 p.m.; March 15, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

*Place:* Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Beth Zelenski, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8500.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

*Agenda:*

*Wednesday, March 14, 2012*

- Update on NSF environmental research and education activities
- Update on national and international collaborations
- Meeting with the NSF Director

*Thursday, March 15, 2012*

- Update on NSF's Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability portfolio (SEES)

Dated: February 6, 2012.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Site visit review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC) at the University of Colorado by the Division of Materials Research (DMR) #1203.

*Dates & Times:* March 12, 2012; 7:15 a.m.–8:30 p.m., March 13, 2012; 7:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Place:* University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

*Type of Meeting:* Part open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Mary Galvin-Donoghue, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-8562.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the MRSEC at the University of Colorado.

**Agenda: Monday, March 12, 2012**

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| 7:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Open—Review of the MRSEC |
| 4:30 p.m.–6:20 p.m. | Closed—Executive Session |
| 6:20 p.m.–8:30 p.m. | Open—Dinner              |