

Reference: Section 303(k) of the SSA.
Total Respondents: 53.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 106.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

Maria K. Flynn

Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research.

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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 January 17, 2007. 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:* Permit Application No. 2007-023; Catherine Herrick, CBS News, 9th Floor, 555 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter an Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA). The applicant proposes to enter the Admiralty Bay, King George Island Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA #128) to film and conduct interviews with scientists studying penguins. The applicant plans to produce a story for the CBS New magazine 60 Minutes about the various factors in Antarctica that are contributing to global warming and the effects on the wildlife. Access to the site will be via zodiacs.

Location: Admiralty Bay, King George Island (ASPA #128).

Dates: February 7, 2007 to February 14, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for operation of a remote field support and emergency provisions helicopter flight seeing for the Motor Vessel, Octopus for the 2006-2007 austral summer season. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within January 17, 2007. Permit applications 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: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Environmental Officer at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF's Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for the operation of up to nine expeditions per year to Antarctica. Passengers will be taken ashore at selected sites by Zodiac (rubber raft) or helicopter for approximately for several hours at a time. On each of the two helicopters, emergency gear would be taken ashore in case weather deteriorates and passengers are required to camp on shore. Anything taken ashore will be removed from Antarctica and disposed of in a port of disembarkation. No hazardous domestic products or wastes (aerosol cans, paints, solvents, etc.) will be brought ashore. Cooking stoves/fuel will be used only in an emergency were passengers are forced to spend night on shore. Conditions of the permit would include requirements to report on the removal of materials and any accidental releases, and management of all waste, including human waste, in accordance with Antarctic waste regulations.

Application for the permit is made by: Othmar Hehli, Senior Director of Yacht Operations, Valcan Incorporated, 505 Fifth Avenue S., Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98104.

Location: Antarctica (south of 60 degrees south latitude).

Dates: February 1, 2007 to February 29, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Renewal

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Charter of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards was established by Section 29 of the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) in 1954. Its purpose is to provide

advice to the Commission with regard to the hazards of proposed or existing reactor facilities, to review each application for a construction permit or operating license for certain facilities specified in the AEA, and such other duties as the Commission may request. The AEA as amended by Public Law 100-456 also specifies that the Defense Nuclear Safety Board may obtain the advice and recommendations of the ACRS.

Membership on the Committee includes individuals experienced in reactor operations, management; probabilistic risk assessment; analysis of reactor accident phenomena; design of nuclear power plant structures, systems and components; materials science; and mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that renewal of the charter for the ACRS until December 12, 2008 is in the public interest in connection with the statutory responsibilities assigned to the ACRS. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew L. Bates, Office of the Secretary, NRC, Washington, DC 20555; telephone: (301) 415-1963.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of December 18, 25, 2006, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 18, 2006

Thursday, December 21, 2006

12:55 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative) a. Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-20 (Sept. 22, 2006), reconsid'n denied (Oct. 30, 2006) (Tentative). b. Final Rulemaking to

Revise 10 CFR 73.1, Design Basis Threat (DBT) Requirements (Tentative).

Week of December 25, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 25, 2006.

Week of January 1, 2007—Tentative

Thursday, January 4, 2007
12:55 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative) a. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Intervenor Pilgrim Watch's Appeal of LBP-06-23 (Ruling on Standing and Contentions) (Tentative).

Week of January 8, 2007—Tentative

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Browns Ferry Unit 1 Restart (Public Meeting) (Contact: Catherine Haney, 301-415-1453).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Thursday, January 11, 2007

1:30 p.m. Periodic Briefing on New Reactor Issues (Public Meeting) (Contact: Donna Williams, 301-415-1322).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of January 15, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 15, 2007.

Week of January 22, 2007—Tentative

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

1:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Grid Reliability (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Mayfield, 301-415-5621).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

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*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

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Additional Information

Affirmation of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-20 (Sept. 22, 2006), reconsid'n denied (Oct. 30, 2006) (Tentative) tentatively scheduled on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 9:25 a.m. has been rescheduled tentatively on Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 12:55 p.m.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet

at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: December 13, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from November 22, 2006 to December 7, 2006. The last