

two-person reconnaissance team at ATS-approved visitor sites in Antarctica. The purpose of these expeditions is to identify, map and photograph suitable routes to be used in future commercial land-based expeditions. Materials to be brought ashore including food and supplies to support activities as well as emergency supplies, including cooking fuel for emergency use only. All solid, hazardous, and biological wastes will be removed from the continent and returned to the operator's vessel, MS SEAVENTURE, following all expeditions.

*Location:* Antarctic peninsula region.

*Dates:* January 1, 2022–March 30, 2022.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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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 received and permit issued.

**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. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–7420; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation (NSF), as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 671), 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.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2022–005) to Leidos Innovations Group, Antarctic Support Contract on September 2, 2021. The

issued permit allows the applicant to introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. This permit authorizes the import and use of commercially available proprietary bacterial supplements for use in the Marine Sanitation Device aboard relevant support vessels deployed in support of the Palmer Pier Replacement Project.

The applicant proposes a modification to this permit regarding the microbial agents used in marine sanitation devices on board support vessels. Specifically, the permit holder requests altering the language of the permit to accurately reflect specific additives being used in marine sanitation devices.

The Environmental Officer has reviewed the modification request and has determined that the amendment is not a material change to the permit, and it will have a less than a minor or transitory impact.

**DATES:** October 1, 2021–April 30, 2023.

The permit modification was issued on November 16, 2021.

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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.

**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:**

Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8030; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 19, 2021, and October 20, 2021, the National Science Foundation published notices in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. The permits were issued on November 18, 2021, and November 19, 2021, to:

1. Nikola Bajo, Grand Circle Corporation Permit No. 2022–015
2. Prash Karnik, Lindblad Expeditions Permit No. 2022–016
3. Dr. Heather Lynch Permit No. 2022–017

4. Dr. Heather Lynch Permit No. 2022–018

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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 December 27, 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 or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 671), 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.

### Application Details

Permit Application: 2022025

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Kim Bernard, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Introduce Non-Indigenous