

these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov>. This information may also be requested by telephoning, 703/292-8182.

Dated: December 1, 2009.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*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 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 4, 2010. 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. 2010-021  
Sam Feola, Raytheon Polar Services Company, 7400 South Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

#### Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Cape Crozier (ASPA 124) to conduct occasional operations, maintenance, construction and rehabilitation to open and close facilities used for scientific research.

#### Location

Cape Crozier (ASPA 124).

#### Dates

January 1, 2009 to September 20, 2014.

#### 2. Applicant

Permit Application No. 2010-022  
Paul Morin, Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

#### Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes to enter Cape Crozier (ASPA 124), Cape Royds (ASPA 121), and Cape Bird, Ross Island to collect ground control points (GCP) as part of a project to accurately rectify

high-resolution satellite imagery in the McMurdo Sound region. The high-resolution satellite imagery is used for planning, logistics, search and rescue maps, and scientific analysis. In order to assure the highest accuracy possible, these images need to be corrected by locating reliable, distinguishable features on the ground.

#### Location

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

#### Dates

January 7-14, 2010.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-10; NRC-2009-0534]

### Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact; For the Amendment of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. SNM-2506 for Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

By letter dated March 28, 2008, as supplemented August 29, 2008, Northern States Power Company (NSP), formerly Nuclear Management Company, LLC, submitted a request to the NRC to amend materials license SNM-2506 for the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (PIISFSI). The license amendment request proposes the design modification of the TN-40 cask to the TN-40HT cask. The modified cask design will accommodate the dry