

operations planning and other continuity planning. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using word processing and electronic mail. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of files relating to joint planning and organizational planning. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

7. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (N1-560-03-15, 4 items, 2 temporary items). Electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing that are associated with the internal and external correspondence of the agency's Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and Chief of Staff. Recordkeeping copies of these files are proposed for permanent retention.

8. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (N1-563-04-1, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Inputs, outputs, master files, and documentation associated with the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, an electronic system containing personal data used to track and monitor non-immigrant students, exchange visitors, and their dependents in the United States.

9. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt (N1-53-03-12, 5 items, 5 temporary items). Paper and microfilm inputs for the Special Purpose Securities System, electronic reports generated from this system, and Federal Housing Administration reports. Records relate to such matters as early redemption requests, redemption of time deposits, fund receipt reports, future and prior issues and payments, security rollovers, notices of assessments, payment summaries, and interest accruals.

10. Department of the Treasury, Air Transportation Stabilization Board (N1-56-03-9, 11 items, 4 temporary items). Routine correspondence and staff working papers relating to loan guarantee programs to assist air carriers for losses incurred as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of loan guarantee application files, decision memorandums and supporting documentation, loan agreements, decision letters, meeting minutes, press releases, and quarterly loan monitoring reports.

11. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (N1-

15-02-6, 10 items, 10 temporary items). Paper and electronic records relating to the employment incentive scholarship program and the education debt reduction program. Records relate to participants in these programs as well as to non-selected applicants. Included are such files as applications, worksheets, payment summaries, and an electronic database used for tracking applications. Also included are electronic copies of records created using word processing and electronic mail.

12. Environmental Protection Agency, Agency-wide (N1-412-03-20, 3 items, 3 temporary item). Records relating to clearing persons and companies who require access to confidential business information. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic email and word processing.

13. National Archives and Records Administration, Government-wide (N1-GRS-04-1, 9 items, 8 temporary items). Addition to the General Records Schedules for records of temporary commissions, boards, councils, and committees. Included are such records as files relating to day-to-day administrative activities, web site records (except for records identified by NARA as historically valuable), and committee management records. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Recordkeeping copies of files documenting the establishment, membership, policies, organization, deliberations, findings, and recommendations of these bodies are proposed for permanent retention.

14. Small Business Administration, Office of Business Development (N1-309-03-10, 6 items, 6 temporary items). Inputs, outputs, master files, documentation, and backups of the Small Disadvantaged Business Tracking System, an electronic system used to track the Small Disadvantaged Business certification process.

15. Social Security Administration, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs (N1-47-03-1, 26 items, 26 temporary items). Claim files and other records related to Title II (Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance) and Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind and Disabled) of the Social Security Act. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

Dated: October 31, 2003.

**Michael J. Kurtz,**

*Assistant Archivist for Record 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 December 10, 2003. 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:

*Applicant:* Thomas A. Day, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, P.O. Box 874501, Tempe AZ 85287-4501.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to collect up to 100 seeds and 300 plants of *Deschampsia antarctica* (Antarctic hairgrass), and up to 100 seed capsules and up to 300 plants of *Colobanthus quitensis* (Antarctic pearlwort), as well as soil samples. This material will be used to study the effects of climate change (warming, altered precipitation and enhanced UV-B) on Antarctic plants and productivity of Antarctic terrestrial ecosystems. Seeds are needed to propagate material at the applicant's home institution for examining plant responses to climate change factors. Plants and soils are needed to examine how plant productivity and soil characteristics (e.g., carbon pools) change along natural microclimate gradients representing differences in temperature and moisture regime. Plants and soils are also needed for transplant in the lab at Palmer Station where temperatures, precipitation, and UV-B radiation will be manipulated around the plants in order to study their responses. Transported plants and soils will subsequently be harvested and returned to the applicant's home institution for chemical analyses.

**Location**

Biscoe Point (ASPA #139) and other islands in the vicinity of Palmer Station, Anvers Island.

**Dates**

December 1, 2003 to August 31, 2006.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Business and Operations Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

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

*Name:* Business and Operations Advisory Committee (9556).

*Date/Time:* December 2, 2003; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (e.s.t.)

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 525-II, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open—Teleconference. Please contact Joan Miller (below) for a dial-in number.

*Contact Person:* Joan Miller, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; (703) 292-8200.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF's business operations.

*Agenda:* December 2, 2003. Discussion of NSF's Business Analysis study.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of 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 majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

All of 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 no longer 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: [www.nsf.gov/home/pubinfo/advisory.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/home/pubinfo/advisory.htm). This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8182.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 030-09472]

**Notice of Consideration of Request for License Termination of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office License and Release of Its Facility in Wichita, Kansas Amendment**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of consideration of amendment request to terminate Byproduct Material License No. 15-15618-01.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Peter J. Lee, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351; telephone (630) 829-9870 or by e-mail at [pjl2@nrc.gov](mailto:pjl2@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office (VA) Byproduct Material License No. 15-15618-01, to terminate the license and release its facility located at 5500 East Kellogg in Wichita, Kansas, for unrestricted use.

The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this licensing action, in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

**II. EA Summary**

The purpose of the proposed action is to allow the release of the licensee's Wichita, Kansas facility for unrestricted use. This license was approved for in-vitro research utilizing labeled compounds, such as H-3, C-14, P-32, and others. On June 6, 2003, the VA requested that the NRC release the facility for unrestricted use. The VA has conducted surveys of the facility and provided information to the NRC to demonstrate that the site meets the license termination criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR part 20 for unrestricted release. The staff has examined VA's request and the information that the licensee has provided in support of its request, including the surveys performed by VA to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402, "Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use," to ensure that the NRC's decision