

*Visual Arts (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 14, 2017; 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Music (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 15, 2017; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Music (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 15, 2017; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Visual Arts (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 15, 2017; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Theater (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 16, 2017; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Theater (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 16, 2017; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Dance (review of applications):* This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* November 17, 2017; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dated: October 2, 2017.

**Sherry P. Hale,**

*Staff Assistant, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Weeks of October 2 and 9, 2017

Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Board Agenda Room, No. 5065, 1015 Half St. SE., Washington DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Pursuant to § 102.139(a) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Board or a panel thereof will consider "the issuance of a subpoena, the Board's participation in a civil action or proceeding or an arbitration, or the initiation, conduct, or disposition . . . of particular representation or unfair labor practice proceedings under section 8, 9, or 10 of the [National Labor Relations] Act, or any court proceedings collateral or ancillary thereto." See also 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Roxanne Rothschild, Deputy Executive Secretary, 1015 Half Street SE.,

Washington, DC 20570. Telephone: (202) 273-2917.

Dated: October 3, 2017.

**Roxanne Rothschild,**

*Deputy Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board.*

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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 November 6, 2017. 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:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030, or [ACAPERmits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACAPERmits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), 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.

### Application Details

1. *Applicant*—Permit Application: 2018-003

David Schutt, Penguins International, PO Box 100483, Denver, CO 80250.

### Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Harmful Interference; Import Into USA. The applicant proposes to collect samples of feathers molted from gentoo penguins, *Pygoscelis papua*, (n=2400) and fragments from discarded eggshells of gentoo penguins (n=50) for use in a study of pollutant exposure in penguins across a wide latitudinal gradient. The applicant plans to collect these abandoned biological tissue samples at approximately eleven gentoo penguin colonies in the Antarctic Peninsula region. The applicant will collect samples opportunistically from the ground or from penguin carcasses from the periphery and/or low-density areas of the colonies in order to minimize disturbance to the penguins. The samples will be imported into the USA and will be analyzed at the home institution.

### Location

West Antarctic Peninsula region including South Orkney Islands, Elephant Island, South Shetland Islands.

### Dates

October 1, 2017–June 1, 2018.

2. *Applicant*—Permit Application: 2018-018

Vernon G. Chu, BBC Worldwide Americas, Inc, 747 Third Ave., 7th FL, New York, NY 10017-2803.

### Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Take; Harmful Interference. The applicant proposes to film Weddell seals in the McMurdo Sound area. Up to 16 Weddell seals (eight mother and pup pairs) could be targeted and disturbed during filming on the sea ice, underwater, and by air via remotely piloted aircraft. Up to 80 additional Weddell seals may be disturbed as a result of the filming activities. The footage will be used in a BBC documentary series that is expected to be useful for education and outreach about Antarctica and the scientific research conducted there. The applicant has also applied for a commercial or education photography permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

### Location

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

**Dates**

October 1–December 15, 2017.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 52–025 and 52–026; NRC–2008–0252]

### **Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4; Southern Nuclear Operating Company; Hydrogen Venting from Passive Core Cooling System (PXS) Compartments**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption and combined license amendment; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting exemption to allow a departure from the certification information of Tier 1 of the generic design control document (DCD) and is issuing License Amendment Nos. 84 and 83 to Combined Licenses (COL), NPF–91 and NPF–92, respectively. The COLs were issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., and Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, MEAG Power SPVM, LLC, MEAG Power SPVJ, LLC, MEAG Power SPVP, LLC, Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia (the licensee); for construction and operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, located in Burke County, Georgia.

The granting of the exemption allows the changes to Tier 1 information that is requested in the amendment. Because the acceptability of the exemption was determined in part by the acceptability of the amendment, the exemption and amendment are being issued concurrently.

**DATES:** The exemptions and amendments were issued on August 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2008–0252 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2008–0252. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol

Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The request for the amendment and exemption was submitted by letter dated February 22, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17053A425) and supplemented by letter dated June 2, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17153A362).

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Kallan, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2809; email: [Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov](mailto:Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Introduction**

The NRC is granting exemptions from Paragraph B of Section III, “Scope and Contents,” of appendix D, “Design Certification Rule for the AP1000,” to part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and issuing License Amendment Nos. 84 and 83 to COLs, NPF–91 and NPF–92, respectively, to the licensee. The exemptions are required by Paragraph A.4 of Section VIII, “Processes for Changes and Departures,” appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow the licensee to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, the licensee proposes to depart from approved AP1000 DCD Tier 2 information (test and tables) as incorporated into the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) as plant-specific DCD information, and also proposes to depart from involved plant-specific Tier 1 information (and associated COL

Appendix C information). Specifically, the amendment request proposes to revise the licensing basis information to reflect changes to the locations of the hydrogen venting primary openings in the passive core cooling system (PXS) valve/accumulator rooms inside containment.

Part of the justification for granting the exemptions was provided by the review of the amendments. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemptions and issued the amendments concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemptions met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in §§ 50.12, 52.7, and Section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendments were found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17213A224.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to the licensee for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF–91 and NPF–92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17213A219 and ML17213A221, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF–91 and NPF–92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17213A222 and ML17213A223, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

##### **II. Exemption**

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to Vogtle Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated February 22, 2017, and supplemented by letter dated June 2, 2017, the licensee requested from the Commission an exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, Section III.B, as part of license amendment request 17–003, “Hydrogen Venting from Passive Core Cooling System (PXS) Compartments (LAR–17–003).”

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1, “Evaluation of Exemption,” of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under