

Time Scales, 2005–2008. Given the United States Arctic Program's mission to support polar research, the proposed action is expected to result in substantial benefits to science. The draft Environmental Assessment was available for public review for a 30-day period; several comments were received.

DATES: Comments on the FONSI must be submitted on or before July 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Dr. Polly A. Penhale, National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8033. Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact and the Environmental Assessment are available upon request from Dr. Penhale.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The National Science Foundation has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on this EA, in accordance with CEQ regulations § 1500–1508 and 45 CFR Part 640. It was determined that the proposed activity would not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Therefore, a FONSI was issued, and no environmental impact statement is required.

Copies of the FONSI and the Environmental Assessment titled, Biocomplexity Study of the Response of Tundra Carbon Balance to Warming and Drying Across Multiple Time Scales, 2005–2008, are available upon request from: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8033 or at the agency's Web site at: http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/arctic/arc_envir/tundra_ea.pdf and http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/arctic/arc_envir/tundra_fonsi.pdf. The National Science Foundation invites interested members of the public to provide written comments on this FONSI.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision Following a Final Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation for Antarctic Activities

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Record of Decision following a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (FEIS/FCEE) for activities proposed to be undertaken in Antarctica.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation gives notice of the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (FEIS/FCEE) for activities proposed to be undertaken in Antarctica.

The Office of Polar Programs (OPP) has decided to proceed with the development and implementation of surface traverse capabilities in Antarctica. Given the United States Antarctica Program's (USAP) mission to support polar research, the proposed action is expected to result in reduced reliance on aircraft resources, increased opportunities for sciences at USAP facilities, and resources savings. In reaching this decision, the Director of the Office of Polar Programs has considered the potential environmental impacts addressed in the Development and Implementation of Surface Traverse Capabilities in Antarctica EIS/CEE. The Director has also considered input from Antarctic Treaty nations and the public pertaining to the EIS/CEE for Development and Implementation of Surface Traverse Capabilities in Antarctica.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2403a, the National Science Foundation has prepared this Record of Decision following the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation for Development and Implementation of Surface Traverse Capabilities in Antarctica, Amundsen-Scott Station, South Pole, Antarctica.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Record of Decision are available upon request from: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Availability of the draft EIS/CEE was published in the **Federal Register**. Via a Web site link, the draft Development and Implementation of Surface Traverse Capabilities in Antarctica EIS/CEE was made available for review to all interested parties including Antarctic Treaty nations, international and U.S. Federal agencies, research institutions, private organizations, and individuals. Comments were received and considered as described in Appendix D of the environmental document, and

include comments from the Australian Antarctic Division, German Federal Environmental Agency, Antarctica New Zealand, The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition, and Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM)/Council on Environmental Protection (CEP). The National Science Foundation has made the Final EIS/CEE and Record of Decision for the Development and Implementation of Surface Traverse Capabilities in Antarctica available on the internet at: <http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/antarct/treaty/cees.htm>.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for an Alternate Decommissioning Schedule for the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL, and Opportunity To Request a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of license amendment, opportunity to request a hearing, and solicitation of public comments.

DATES: A request for a hearing must be filed by August 26, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom McLaughlin, Project Manager, Decommissioning Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; Telephone: (301) 415–5869; fax number: (301) 415–5398; e-mail: tgm@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to the Department of the Army (Army as the licensee) to amend its License No. SUB–1435 to authorize an alternate decommissioning schedule pursuant to 10 CFR 40.42(g)(2) for its facility at Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Indiana.

License No. SUB–1435 authorizes the licensee to possess depleted uranium in the “impact area” of Jefferson Proving Ground. The license amendment request