

consensus standard used throughout the United States. It contains specifications for the chemical, mechanical, and dimensional requirements for roof and rock bolts and accessories used for ground support systems. The ASTM standard for roof and rock bolts and accessories is updated periodically to reflect advances in technology.

Title 30 Code of Federal Regulations, parts 56 and 57 Subpart B—Ground Control, sections 56.3203 and 57.3203, and part 75 Subpart C—Roof Support, section 75.204, address the quality of roof and rock bolts and accessories and their installation. MSHA's objective in these regulations is to ensure the quality and effectiveness of roof and rock bolts and accessories and, as technology evolves, to allow for the use of new materials which are proven to be reliable and effective in controlling the mine roof, face, and rib.

Title 30 CFR 56.3203(a), 57.3203(a), and 75.204(a) require: (1) That mine operators obtain a certification from the manufacturer that roof and rock bolts and accessories are manufactured and tested in accordance with the applicable ASTM specifications, and (2) that the manufacturer's certification is made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary.

Title 30 CFR 56.3203(h) and 57.3203(h) require that if the mine operator uses other tensioned and non-tensioned fixtures and accessories for ground control that are not addressed by the applicable ASTM standard listed in sections 56.3203(a) and 57.3203(a), test methods must be established by the mine operator and used to verify their ground control effectiveness. Title 30 CFR 56.3203(i) and 57.3203(i) require the mine operator to certify that the tests developed under sections 56.3203(h) and 57.3203(h) were conducted and such certifications be made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary.

Title 30 CFR 75.204(f)(6) requires that the mine operator or a person designated by the operator certify by signature and date that the measurements required by paragraph (f)(5) of this section have been made. Paragraph (f)(5) requires that in working places from which coal is produced during any portion of a 24-hour period, the actual torque or tension on at least 1 out of every 10 previously installed mechanically anchored tensioned roof bolts is measured from the outby corner of the last open crosscut to the face in each advancing section. This certification shall be maintained for at least 1 year and shall be made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary and representatives of miners.

The certification requirements are necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements for roof and rock bolts and accessories.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Background documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL-MSHA located at 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns provisions for Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219-0121.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 345.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 43,558.

Annual Burden Hours: 420 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Jessica Senk,
Certifying Officer.

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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 September 30, 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

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 (Public Law 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details**Permit Application: 2022–007**

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Robert Sanders, Dept. of Biology, Temple University, 1900 N. 12th St., Philadelphia PA 19122

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Importation of non-indigenous species. The applicant requests an Antarctic Conservation Act permit for use of bacterial cultures as a food source during a study of Antarctic mixotrophic phytoplankton aboard U.S. Antarctic Program vessels. The bacterial culture is a non-pathogenic marine species (*Photobacterium angustum*) obtained from American Type Culture Collection. Bacterial cultures will be fed to natural phytoplankton communities in a sealed, controlled setting aboard the vessel and isolated from the environment. At the conclusion of the experiments, any sample or culture remaining, including filtered seawater, would be destroyed by autoclaving on the ship. Supplies and equipment would be sterilized at the end of each experiment by autoclaving or using ethanol. The applicant and permit agents are experienced in using sterile techniques and in maintaining safe practices with microbial cultures.

Location: Western Antarctic

Peninsula Region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: April 15–July 11, 2022.

Permit Application: 2022–009

2. *Applicant:* Steven D. Emslie, Dept. of Biology and Marine Biology, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, N.C. 28403

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Import into the U.S.A. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit for the importation of tissue samples collected in the Ross Sea Region, Antarctica. Samples to be imported include avian bones and feathers collected from salvaged remains as well as fish, squid, krill, and marine algae samples collected opportunistically. Samples will be collected by Dr. Xiadong Liu, a collaborator of the applicant authorized under the Chinese Antarctic Program and shipped to the United States. Importation of these samples will allow for increased data collection and help to mitigate impacts to field research caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Location: Ross Sea Region, Antarctica.

Dates of Permitted Activities: February 1, 2022–January 31, 2023.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–92748; File No. SR–DTC–2021–011]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Depository Trust Company; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change Relating to Confidential Information, Market Disruption Events, Systems Disconnect, and Other Changes

August 25, 2021.

I. Introduction

On June 25, 2021, Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) proposed rule change SR–DTC–2021–011 (the “Proposed Rule Change”) pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder ² to amend DTC’s rules relating to confidentiality requirements, market disruption events, systems disconnect, and other changes. The Proposed Rule Change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2021,³ and the Commission received one comment on Proposed Rule Change.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act ⁵ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for the Proposed Rule Change is effectively Friday, August 27, 2021.

The Commission is extending the 45-day review period for Commission action on the Proposed Rule Change. In order to provide the Commission with sufficient time to consider the Proposed Rule Change, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the Proposed Rule Change.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 92342 (June 25, 2021), 86 FR 36833 (July 13, 2021) (File No. SR–DTC–2021–011).

⁴ The comment letter is available on the Commission’s website at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-dtc-2021-011/srdtc2021011.htm>.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act ⁶ and for the reasons stated above, the Commission designates Friday, October 8, 2021, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the Proposed Rule Change (File No. SR–DTC–2021–011).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–92756; File No. SR–FICC–2021–007]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Remove the Early Unwind Intraday Charge, Change the Treatment of Short-Term Treasuries, and Make Other Changes

August 25, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on August 13, 2021, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change consists of amendments to (i) the FICC Government Securities Division (“GSD”) Rulebook (“Rules”) ³ in order to remove the Early Unwind Intraday Charge (“EUIC”), (ii) the GSD Methodology Document—GSD Initial Market Risk Margin Model (“QRM Methodology Document”) ⁴ to

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the Rules, available at <http://www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.aspx>.

⁴ The QRM Methodology Document was filed as a confidential exhibit in the rule filing and advance notice for GSD sensitivity VaR. See Securities