

recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 30, 2003, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: August 28, 2003.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,  
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel—Notice of Change

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a teleconference of the Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel, AccessAbility section, previously scheduled for August 29, 2003, will be held by teleconference from 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 from Room 724 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance

with the determination of the Chairman of April 30, 2003, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

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National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.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 October 6, 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations

establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Permit Application No. 2004-013.

*Applicant:* Gary D. Miller, Biology Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Take and Import into the United States. The applicant proposes to continue investigations of the diseases of penguins and skuas around the Australian station, Davis, in east Antarctica. He proposes to collect blood and or tissue samples from penguins, skuas, and other seabirds to address the impact diseases may have on the reproductive success of skuas. Previous studies have confirmed the presence of bacterial, viral, and parasitic agents in Antarctic populations. Human activity at scientific stations and/or from tourism is one potential source of disease introduction, however, it is thought that migratory birds such as South Polar Skuas, Kelp Gulls and Sheathbills act as natural vectors to introduce diseases to Antarctica. In addition to collecting blood and tissues samples the applicant plans to monitor the nesting success of skuas, and track adult skuas using small VHF transmitters.

In addition, the applicant will continue analysis of the phylogenetic relationships and population genetics of two major genera of penguins. Blood and tissue samples will be collected from Magellanic, Adelie, Chinstrap, Gentoo, Macaroni, and Emperor penguins throughout their distribution. The applicant will serve as a lecturer onboard a tourist vessel that will give him access to various areas in the Antarctic. All samples will be returned to Dr. Shellum's lab in Perth, Australia or the laboratory at the University of New Mexico for processing. All other remains will be archived.

*Location:* Davis Station, East Antarctica, and various coastal areas accessible via tourist vessels.

*Dates:* November 1, 2003, to April 1, 2005.

2. Permit Application No. 2004-014.

*Applicant:* Scott Borg, Head, Antarctic Sciences Section, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. Annex V of the Environmental Protocol was adopted at the XXVI Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Madrid, Spain in June 2003, and requires permits for access to any of

the Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant and his agents propose to enter the Arrival Heights ASPA 122 to continue scientific projects already in place. Principal investigators and their teams will work on projects that include, but are not limited to operation of an ELF/VLF receiver, riometer and magnetometer or studies of the earth's magnetic field and ionosphere, high latitude neutral mesospheric and thermospheric dynamics and thermodynamics, UV monitoring, aerosols investigations, and pollution surveys. Crary Lab science technicians also need to access the site daily for equipment monitoring, data acquisition, calibrations, and repairs. In addition, technical personnel will need to enter the site to monitor, maintain, or repair weather equipment. Lastly, personnel from the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Center may be called upon to perform maintenance or repair functions at facilities within the site. This activity will be coordinated through the Crary Lab.

*Location:* ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, Hut Point Peninsula, Ross Island.

*Dates:* October 1, 2003, to September 30, 2004.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**  
Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission (new, revision, or extension):* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 398, "Personal Qualification Statement—Licensee".

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 398.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion and every 6 years (at renewal).

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Individuals requiring a license to operate the controls at a nuclear reactor.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 1,155 (one per respondent).

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8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,465 or approximately 1.3 hours per response (1,465 hours ÷ 1,155 applications (new, re-applications, renewals and waivers) = 1.3 hours per response).

9. *An indication of whether section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* N/A.

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 398 requests detailed information that should be submitted by a license applicant and facility licensee when applying for a new or renewal license to operate the controls at a nuclear reactor facility. This information, once collected, would be used for licensing actions and for generating reports on the Operator Licensing Program.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC Home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by October 6, 2003. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0021), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of August, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**  
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

*Summary:* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s):

(1) *Collection title:* Application for Employee Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-1, AA-1cert, AA-1d, G-204.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0002.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 10/31/2003.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or household.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 13,400.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 19,100.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 10,083.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Act provides for payment of age, disability, and supplemental annuities to qualified employees. The application and related forms obtain information about the applicant's family work history, military service, disability benefits from other government agencies and public or private pensions. The information is used to determine entitlement to and the amount of the annuity applied for.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

Clearance Officer.

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