

created. The Federal rule requires these openings to be protected in accordance with 1926.760(a)(1).

f. The Oregon rule requires a written certification of training record. The Federal rule does not.

g. The Oregon rule requires employees to be retrained in certain conditions. The Federal rule does not address retraining.

B. Issues for Determination

The Oregon standards in question are now under review by the Regional Administrator to determine whether they meet the requirements of section 18(c)(2) of the Act and 29 CFR Parts 1902 and 1953. Public comment is being sought by OSHA on the following issues.

"At Least as Effective" Requirement

Oregon's Fall Protection standard for construction in OAR Chapter 437, Division 3, Subpart M is comparable to OSHA's standard 29 CFR 1926, Subpart M; Oregon's Forest Activities (Logging) standard at OAR Chapter 437, Division 7 is comparable to OSHA's standard, 29 CFR 1910.266; and the State's Steel Erection standard in OAR Chapter 437, Subpart R is comparable to OSHA's 29 CFR 1926, Subpart R. OSHA has evaluated the State's standards in comparison to the respective OSHA standards requirements and enforcement policies and has preliminarily determined that the State's standards in question meet the "at least as effective" criterion on section 18(c)(2) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. However, public comment on the equivalent effectiveness of these standards is solicited for OSHA's consideration in its final decision on whether or not to approve these Oregon State standards.

Product Clause Requirement

OSHA is also seeking through this notice public comment as to whether the Oregon standards:

(a) Are applicable to products which are distributed or used in interstate commerce;

(b) If so, whether they are required by compelling local conditions; and

(c) Unduly burden interstate commerce.

C. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments with respect to the State standards and the issues described above. These comments must be postmarked on or before September 8, 2004 and submitted to the Regional Administrator, Region X, U.S.

Department of Labor-OSHA, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, WA 98101-3212, fax: (206) 553-6499, e-mail:

terrell.richard@dol.gov. Written submissions must clearly identify the issues which are addressed and the position taken with respect to each issue. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider all relevant comments, arguments and requests submitted concerning these standards and will publish notice of the decision approving or disapproving the standards.

D. Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying

Copies of basic State plan documentation are maintained at the following locations; specific documents are available upon request, including a copy of these State standards and the submitted comparisons to the equivalent Federal standards. Oregon's standards, program directives and other documents may be accessed on the State's Web page at <http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osh/rules>. Contact the Office of the Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, Washington 98101-3212, (206) 553-5930, fax (206) 553-6499; Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division, 350 Winter Street NE., Room 430, Salem OR, 97310, (503) 378-3272, fax (503) 947-7461; and the Office of State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-2244, fax (202) 693-1671. Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice, as well as referenced Federal OSHA standards and directives, are available on OSHA's Web page at <http://www.osha.gov>.

This notice is issued pursuant to section 19 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Pub.L. 91-596, 84 STAT 6108 (29 U.S.C. 667).

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 13th day of July, 2004.

Richard S. Terrill,
Regional Administrator.

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Conservation Act and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for the United States Antarctic Program (USAP), submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application on or before September 8, 2004. The permit 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: Susanne M. LaFratta at the above address or at (703) 292-7445.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Antarctic Waste Regulations in 45 CFR Part 671 require U.S. citizens, corporations, or other entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of designated pollutants in Antarctica and for the release of any waste in the Antarctic. NSF has received a permit application under this regulation for USAP activities in Antarctica. The permit applicant is: Raytheon Polar Services Company, 7400 South Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

The permit application applies to USAP activities conducted by all supporting organizations at all USAP facilities and operations in Antarctica. The proposed duration of the permit is from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2009.

Raytheon Polar Services Company (RPSC) and other supporting organizations provide broad-based logistical support, technical support, and transportation services to the USAP. This includes the transport of both hazardous and non-hazardous waste from Antarctica to the United States.

RPSC operations include procuring, transporting to Antarctica, and tracking materials containing designated pollutants that are required for USAP operations, and for NSF and NSF grantees. RPSC is also responsible for fuel operations including fuel storage, distribution, and resupply; and record-keeping of fuel use. RPSC collects, stores, and ships both hazardous and non-hazardous waste materials and is responsible for the final disposition of these materials once they are returned to the United States. RPSC also provides

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Waste Permit Application Received

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit application received under the Antarctic

training and technical guidance to enhance the safety and effectiveness of U.S. waste management practices in Antarctica.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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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 September 8, 2004. 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 established such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2005-011.

1. Applicant: Scott Borg, Section Head, Antarctic Science 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. The applicant proposes to enter Arrival Heights (ASP A #122 to continue scientific projects already in place, and to conduct projects added during the term of this permit following separate initial environmental review. Principal investigators and their teams will work on projects that include, but not limited to operation of an ELF/VLF receiver, riometer and magnetometer for studies of the earth's magnetic field and ionosphere, high latitude neutral mesospheric and thermospheric dynamics, UV monitoring, aerosols investigations, and pollution surveys. Cray Lab science technicians will access the site daily for equipment monitoring, data acquisition, calibrations, and repairs. In addition, personnel will enter the site to monitor and maintain or repair weather equipment, and personnel from Facilities Engineering and Maintenance may be called upon to perform maintenance or repair functions at the facilities within the ASPA.

Location: Arrival Heights, Ross Island, Antarctica (ASP A #122).

Dates: October 1, 2004 to September 31, 2009.

Permit Application No. 2005-012.

2. Applicant: Yu-Ping Chin, Department of Geological Sciences, The Ohio State University, 275 Mendenhall Laboratory, 125 South Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1308.

Activity for Which Permit is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plan to Cape Royds (ASP A #121) and Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASP A #157) to access Pony Lake and collect water samples and install monitoring equipment. The samples will be used to study the biogeochemistry of dissolved organic material. The applicant will work closely with an ornithologist working at the site to ensure non-interference with rookery activities.

Location: Cape Royds, Ross Island (ASP A #121) and Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds Ross Island (ASP A #157).

Dates: November 01, 2004 to January 31, 2006.

Permit Application No. 2005-013.

3. Applicant: Rennie S. Holt, Director, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038.

Activity for Which Permit is

Requested: Take, Enter Antarctic

Specially Protected Area, and Import into the U.S. The applicant proposes to enter Cape Sheriff (ASP A #149) to capture up to 30 adult and 50 juvenile Southern Elephant Seals (*Mirounga leonina*) in order to tag, dye mark, collect blood samples, weigh, conduct morphometric measurements, collect muscle biopsies and instrument with TDR's, and/or ARGOS linked PTT's and VHF's. Data collected will be taken back to the United States. The data and samples will be used to determine the relationship of specific foraging behaviors and habitat utilization.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula region, South Shetland Islands vicinity: Cape Sheriff, Livingston Island (ASP A #149), and including San Telmo Islands.

Dates: November 15, 2004—April 30, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting.

September 2, 2004.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2004.

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Hearing open to the Public at 2 p.m.

PURPOSE: Annual Public Hearing in conjunction with each meeting of OPIC's Board of Directors, to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

PROCEDURES: Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2004. The notice must include the individual's name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2004. Such