

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (d) ways to 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.

Dated: May 21, 2008.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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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, 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 June 26, 2008. 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 establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Terrie M. Williams, COH-Long Lab, University of California, Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Permit Application No. 2009-005.

#### *Activity for Which Permit is*

*Requested:* Take and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to capture up to 50 non-pregnant adult Weddell Seals each season over the course of 2 years. The seals will be weighed, measured, sedated to attach instruments and collect blood and tissue samples, then released. The samples and measurements will be used to determine how hunting behavior, prey preference and foraging of Weddell seals changes during periods of decreasing and increasing photoperiod (autumn and spring) and the extended period of winter darkness (mid-May to early August).

*Location:* McMurdo Sound.

*Dates:* August 1, 2008 to December 30, 2011.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance and availability of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1175.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ching H. Ng, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 415-8054 or e-mail [Ching.Ng@nrc.gov](mailto:Ching.Ng@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public

comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating technical information related to specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide, entitled, "Seismic Qualification of Electric and Active Mechanical Equipment and Functional Qualification of Active Mechanical Equipment for Nuclear Power Plants," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1175, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence.

The NRC issued Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.100, titled "Seismic Qualification of Electric and Mechanical Equipment for Nuclear Power Plants," in June 1988. With a few exceptions and clarifications, it endorsed the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Std 344-1987, "IEEE Recommended Practice for Seismic Qualification of Class 1E Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," and extended the application of that standard to the seismic qualification of mechanical equipment. In extending the application of IEEE Std 344-1987 to mechanical equipment, the NRC staff recognized differences in seismic qualification methods for electric equipment (including instrumentation and control (I&C) components) and mechanical equipment. Specifically, Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.100 stated that seismic qualification of mechanical equipment by analysis is permitted when such equipment can be modeled to adequately predict its response. The IEEE has updated IEEE Std 344-1987 and issued it as IEEE Std 344-2004 in June 2005.

Revision 2 also stated that the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) was developing a standard for seismic qualification of mechanical equipment and, upon publication of that standard, the NRC staff would review it for suitability for endorsement by a revision of Regulatory Guide 1.100. In 1994, the ASME issued a standard, ASME QME-1-1994, "Qualification of Active Mechanical Equipment Used in Nuclear Power Plants." The ASME QME-1 covers both seismic qualification and functional qualification of active mechanical equipment. The ASME subsequently revised and reissued the standard in 1997, 2000, and 2002, with the last

revision issued in November 2007 as ASME QME-1-2007. This is the first time the NRC is endorsing ASME QME-1.

The NRC developed this regulatory guide (i.e., Revision 3) to endorse, with exceptions and clarifications, IEEE Std 344-2004 and ASME QME-1-2007. Specifically, Regulatory Position C.1 of this regulatory guide endorses, with exceptions and clarifications, the entire IEEE Std 344-2004 and Section QR, "General Requirements," and Nonmandatory Appendix QR-A, "Seismic Qualification of Active Mechanical Equipment," of ASME QME-1-2007 for the seismic qualification of electric and active mechanical equipment, respectively. Position C.2 of this regulatory guide endorses, with exceptions and clarifications, Section QR and the remaining sections of ASME QME-1-2007 (except Nonmandatory Appendix QR-A) for the functional qualification of active mechanical equipment.

## II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1175. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data, and should mention DG-1175 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Personal information will not be removed from your comments. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Mail comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. *E-mail comments to:* [NRCREP@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCREP@nrc.gov).

3. *Hand-deliver comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

4. *Fax comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about DG-1175 may be directed to the NRC Program Manager, Ching H. Ng at (301) 415-8054 or by e-mail at [Ching.Ng@nrc.gov](mailto:Ching.Ng@nrc.gov).

Comments would be most helpful if received by July 11, 2008. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but

the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-1175 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML072620346.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to [PDR@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20 day of May, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
**Andrea D. Valentin**,  
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*Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear*  
*Regulatory Research.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306]

### **Nuclear Management Company, LLC; Correction to Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for Renewal of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60, for an Additional 20-Year Period**

This notice provides corrections to the "Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for Renewal of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 for an Additional 20-Year Period," published on May 6, 2008, in the **Federal Register** on page 25034 (73 FR 25034).

#### **Corrections**

1. Paragraph 1 should read as follows: "The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has

received an application, dated April 11, 2008, from Nuclear Management Company, LLC, filed pursuant to Section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 54 (10 CFR part 54), to renew the operating license for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (PINGP). Renewal of the licenses would authorize the applicant to operate the facilities for an additional 20-year period beyond the period specified in the current operating licenses. The current operating licenses for PINGP (DPR-42 and DPR-60) expire on August 09, 2013, and October 29, 2014, respectively. PINGP, Units 1 and 2, are pressurized-water reactors designed by Westinghouse that are located 28 miles Southeast of Minneapolis, MN. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing, and other matters including an opportunity to request a hearing, will be the subject of subsequent **Federal Register** notices."

2. Paragraph 2 should read as follows: "Copies of the application are available to the public at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or through the internet from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room under Accession Number ML081130663. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. In addition, the application is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>. Persons who do not have access to the internet or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, extension 4737, or by e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov)."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of May, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Samson Lee**,

*Acting Director, Division of License Renewal,*  
*Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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