

5. *Date:* October 22, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for United States History and Culture II in Preservation and Access Humanities Collection and Reference Resources, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 15, 2009 deadline.

6. *Date:* October 26, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 421.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Anthropology in America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grants Program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the August 26, 2009 deadline.

7. *Date:* October 27, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 421.

Program: This meeting will review applications for U.S. History in America's Media Makers Grants Program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the August 26, 2009 deadline.

8. *Date:* October 27, 2009.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for United States History and Culture III in Preservation and Access Humanities Collection and Reference Resources, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 15, 2009 deadline.

9. *Date:* October 28, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 421.

Program: This meeting will review applications for World Cultures in America's Media Makers Grants Program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the August 26, 2009 deadline.

10. *Date:* October 29, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 421.

Program: This meeting will review applications for American and Cultural Studies in America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grants Program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the August 26, 2009 deadline.

11. *Date:* October 29, 2009.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for World Studies I in Preservation and Access Humanities Collection and Reference Resources, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 15, 2009 deadline.

12. *Date:* October 30, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 421.

Program: This meeting, which will be by teleconference, will review applications for Projects in Libraries and Community Centers in America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grants Program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the August 26, 2009 deadline.

Michael P. McDonald,

Advisory Committee, Management 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, 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 13, 2009. 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 a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2010-011

1. *Applicant:* Daniel P. Costa, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California Santa Cruz, Long Marine Lab, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Cape Crozier (ASP A 124), Beaufort Island (ASP A 105), New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird (ASP A 116), Cape Royds (ASP A 121), Northwest White Island (ASP A 137), Botany Bay (ASP A 154), Cape Evans (ASP A 155), Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASP A 157), Terra Nova Bay (ASP A 161), and Edmonson Point, Wood Bay (ASP A 165) to locate seals. Up to 40 Weddell, Crabeater, Ross, Leopard and Elephant seal pups will be captured annually and will be instrumented with Sea Mammal Research Units (SMRU) Conductivity-Temperature-Depth Satellite Relay Data Logger (CTD-SRDL) tags to monitor overwinter dive behaviors and oceanography. The tags will be applied with epoxy. In addition, the seals will be flipper tagged, dye marked, blood, tissue and whisker samples collected, weighed, length and girth measured, and body condition determined by morphometric measurements.

Location

Cape Crozier (ASP A 124), Beaufort Island (ASP A 105), New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird (ASP A 116), Cape Royds (ASP A 121), Northwest White Island (ASP A 137), Botany Bay (ASP A 154), Cape Evans (ASP A 155), Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASP A 157), Terra Nova Bay (ASP A 161), and Edmonson Point, Wood Bay (ASP A 165).

Dates

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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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 October 13, 2009. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

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The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant*, Permit Application No. 2010-010, Christopher A. Linder, 6548 31st Ave., NE., Seattle, WA 98115.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Cape Crozier (ASPA 124) and New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird (ASPA 116) to take still photographs, video and audio recordings to document the natural history of the South Polar Skuas nesting in these two locations near penguin rookeries.

Location

Cape Crozier (ASPA 124) and New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird (ASPA 116).

Dates

December 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-34325; NRC-2009-0392]

Notice of Environmental Assessment Related to the Issuance of a License Amendment to Master Materials License 03-23853-01va, for Unrestricted Release of Two Buildings at Veterans Affairs Facility in Iowa City, IA

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie Streit, Health Physicist, Materials Control, ISFSI, and Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region III, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2443 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532; Telephone: (630) 829-9621; fax number: (630) 515-1259; or by e-mail at Katherine.Streit@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend a materials permit held under Master Byproduct Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA. The permit is held by the Department of Veterans Affairs (the Licensee), for its Veteran Affairs (VA) Medical Center located in Iowa City, Iowa. Issuance of the amendment would authorize release of Buildings 3 and 28 (the Facilities) for unrestricted use. The Licensee will continue its operation of other facilities under this permit and its master materials license. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated March 19, 2009 (ML090910183). The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51). Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The amendment will be issued to the Licensee following the

publication of this FONSI and EA in the **Federal Register**.

II. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Licensee's March 19, 2009, materials permit amendment request, resulting in release of the Facilities for unrestricted use. License No. 03-23853-01VA was issued on March 17, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 30 and 35, and has been amended periodically since that time. This master license authorizes the Licensee to use byproduct materials at several Licensee facilities around the country, as authorized on a site-specific basis by permits issued by the Licensee's National Radiation Safety Committee. Under the license, the permits authorize the use of by-product materials for various medical and veterinary purposes, and for portable gauges.

Under the master materials license permit, buildings 3 and 28 were used as two research labs located at the VA Medical Center in Iowa City, IA. Building 3 is a two-story building containing 28301 gross square feet of space. Building 28 is a one-story building containing 6099 gross square feet of space. Radioactive materials were used for non-medical research starting in 1980 for Building 3 and in 1987 for Building 28. Both buildings contained research laboratories, office space, and other mechanical support areas. Building 3 additionally contained laboratory ventilation exhaust fans, chemical diffusers, and storage space. The licensee ceased licensed activities at the Facilities in the spring of 2007 and conducted a final status survey and decontamination of the facilities in August 2007.

Based on the licensee's historical knowledge of the site and the conditions of Buildings 3 and 28, the licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with their NRC approved, operating radiation safety procedures, were required. The licensee was not required to submit a decommissioning plan the NRC because worker cleanup activities and procedures are consistent with those approved for routine operations. The licensee conducted surveys of Buildings 3 and 28 and provided information to the NRC to demonstrate that Buildings 3 and 28 meet the criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20 for unrestricted release.

Need for the Proposed Action

The licensee has ceased conducting licensed activities at the facilities, and