

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and may be included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the final information collection request. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: Signed at Washington, DC on this 3rd day of April, 2012.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act; Native American Employment and Training Council

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, and Section 166 (h)(4) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) [29 U.S.C. 2911(h)(4)], notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Native American Employment and Training Council (Council), as constituted under WIA.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Thursday, April 26, 2012, and continue until 5 p.m. that day. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2012, and adjourn at 3 p.m. that day. The period from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 26, 2012, will be reserved for participation and presentations by members of the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Museum and Cultural Resources Center, 151 Melacon Drive, Marksville, Louisiana 71351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public not present may submit a written statement on or before April 18, 2012, to be included in the record of the meeting. Statements are to be submitted to Mrs. Evangeline M. Campbell, Designated Federal Official (DFO), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-4209, Washington, DC 20210. Persons who need special accommodations should contact Mr. Craig Lewis at (202) 693-3384, at least two business days before the meeting. The formal agenda

will focus on the following topics: (1) U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration Update; (2) U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Public Engagement—Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP) Update; (3) DOL, Division of Indian and Native American Program Update; (4) Training and Technical Assistance; (5) Council Update; (6) Council Workgroup Reports; and (7) Council Recommendations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4209, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number (202) 693-3737 (VOICE) (this is not a toll-free number).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of April, 2012.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Draft 2012 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local and Tribal Entities

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests comments on its Draft 2012 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations, available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_regpol_reports_congress/. The Draft Report is divided into four chapters. Chapter I examines the benefits and costs of major Federal regulations issued in Fiscal Year 2011 and summarizes the benefits and costs of major regulations issued between October 2001 and September 2011. It also discusses regulatory impacts on State, local, and tribal governments, small business, wages, and economic growth. Chapter II offers recommendations for regulatory reform. Chapter III provides an update on implementation of the Information Quality Act. Chapter IV summarizes agency compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. OMB requests

that comments be submitted electronically to OMB within 60 days from the date of notice publication in the **Federal Register** through www.regulations.gov.

DATES: To ensure consideration of comments as OMB prepares this Draft Report for submission to Congress, comments must be in writing and received by 60 days after publication.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Direct comments to Docket ID OMB-2010-0008

- *Fax:* (202) 395-7285.

- *Mail:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Mabel Echols, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. To ensure that your comments are received, we recommend that comments on this draft report be electronically submitted.

All comments and recommendations submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public, including by posting them on OMB's Web site. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means OMB will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

For Further Information, contact: Mabel Echols, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-3741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to prepare an annual Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations. Specifically, Section 624 of the FY 2001 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, also known as the "Regulatory Right-to-Know Act," (the Act) requires OMB to submit a report on the costs and benefits of Federal regulations together with recommendation for reform. The Act states that the report should contain estimates of the costs and benefits of regulations in the aggregate, by agency and agency program, and by major rule, as well as an analysis of impacts of Federal regulation on State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, wages, and economic growth. The Act also states that the report should be

subject to notice and comment and peer review.

Cass R. Sunstein,

Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

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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 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 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 May 14, 2012. 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: Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

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:*

Permit Application: 2013-001

William R. Fraser, Polar Oceans Research Group, P.O. Box 366, Sheridan, MT 59749.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), Take, and Import into the USA. The applicant conducts research as part of the Palmer Station Long-Term Ecological Research Program. The applicant plans to enter the Antarctic Specially Protected areas of ASPA 107-Dion Islands, ASPA 113-Litchfield Island, ASPA 115-Lagotellerie Island, ASPA-117-Avian Island, and ASPA 139-Biscoe Point to conduct his research. He plans to take by capture and release to (1) census populations and mark breeding territories; (2) capture, mark, band and/or weigh adult, chicks and eggs of seabirds (Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo penguins, Brown Skua, South Polar Skua, S. Giant Petrel, Blue-Eyed Shag, and Kelp Gulls), (3) obtain diet samples by stomach lavage, by screening contents of terrestrial sediment traps and/or by collecting regurgitated prey items; (4) place transmitters on individuals; (5) place instrumented artificial eggs under incubating individuals; (6) obtain tissue samples from adults and chicks (e.g. preen gland oil, blood, feathers, yolk); (7) collect added/infertile eggs no longer being incubated; (8) use GPS/GIS technologies to update existing breeding habitat maps, and (9) salvage dead specimens in good condition for educational purposes.

Location

Palmer Station area, Marguerite Bay including ASPA 107-Dion Islands, ASPA 113-Litchfield Island, ASPA 115-Lagotellerie Island, ASPA-117-Avian Island, and ASPA 139-Biscoe Point.

Dates

October 1, 2012 to 30 September 30, 2017.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor

Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213

Extension:

Form TH, OMB Control No. 3235-0425, SEC File No. 270-377.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form TH (17 CFR 239.65, 249.447, 269.10 and 274.404) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*), the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*), the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 77aaa *et seq.*) and the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) is used by registrants to notify the Commission that an electronic filer is relying on the temporary hardship exemption for the filing of a document in paper form that would otherwise be required to be filed electronically as prescribed by Rule 201(a) of Regulation S-T. Form TH must be filed every time an electronic filer experiences unanticipated technical difficulties preventing the timely preparation and submission of a required electronic filing. Approximately 70 registrants file Form TH and it takes an estimated 0.33 hours per response for a total annual burden of 23 hours.

Written 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.