

information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information:

(1) *Type of information collection:* New collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Generic clearance for Customer Satisfaction surveys.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Respondents will be current and potential users of agency products and services. Respondents may represent Federal agencies, State, local, and tribal governments, members of private organizations, research organizations, the media, non-profit organizations, international organizations, as well as faculty and students.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), in accordance with the requirements of E.O. 12862 and the GPRA, wish to conduct customer satisfaction surveys. The purpose of such surveys is to assess needs, identify problems, and plan for programmatic improvements in the delivery of agency products and services.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that there will be a maximum of 2,500 respondents per mail survey; 1,500 respondents per email survey; and 3,000

respondents per World Wide Web survey. It is estimated that each survey will take between 3 to 18 minutes to complete.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* An estimate of the total hour burden to complete a mail survey is 750 hours; the email survey is 300 hours; and the World Wide Web surveys 600 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mrs. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1220, National Place, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 616-1167.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

Brenda E. Dyer,

*Department Deputy Clearance Officer,
Department of Justice.*

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

TYPE: Quarterly meeting.

AGENCY: National Council on Disability.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 522b(e)(1) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, (Pub. L. 94-409).

QUARTERLY MEETING DATES: November 15-16, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor, 110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland; 410-962-0202.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050 Washington, DC 20004-1107; 202-272-2004 (Voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY), 202-272-2022 (Fax).

AGENCY MISSION: The National Council on Disability is an independent Federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities and to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and including and integration into all aspects of society.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Those needing interpreters or another accommodations

should notify the National Council on Disability prior to this meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS: People with environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances in order to attend this meeting. In order to reduce such exposure, we ask that you not wear perfumes or scents at the meeting. We also ask that you smoke only in designated areas and the privacy of our room. Smoking is prohibited in the meeting room and surrounding area.

OPEN MEETING: This quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public.

AGENDA: The proposed agenda includes:

Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director Committee Meetings and Committee Reports
Executive Session (closed)
Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment

Records will be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and will be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC on October 5, 1999.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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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 these permit applications by November 5, 1999. Permit applications 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) 306-1030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended 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 (formerly called Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest).

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Bruce R. Mate, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365-5269.

Permit Application No.: 2000-015.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Take, and Import into the U.S.A.

The applicant proposes to conduct tagging studies of humpback whales, blue whales, and fin whales along the Antarctic Peninsula. The applicant proposes to apply Argos satellite-monitored radio tags to approximately 24 humpback whales annually, and if the opportunity arises, 5 each of blue and fin whales. The objectives of the proposed research are to: (1) Track whale movements within their feeding habitat during the austral summer; (2) examine the relationship between these movements and prey distribution, as well as physical and biological oceanographic conditions; and, (3) identify migration routes from their summer feeding grounds in the Antarctic Peninsula region to their winter breeding and calving areas.

The applicant also proposes to conduct biopsy sampling of all tagged whales for sex determination and genetic analysis. The samples will be collected and returned to the U.S. for final analysis.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.

Date: January 01, 2000 to January 01, 2004.

2. *Applicant:* Philip R. Kyle, E&ES Department, New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM 87801.

Permit Application No.: 2000-016.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area.

The applicant proposes to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 130, Tramway Ridge, Mt. Erebus, Ross Island, to measure the temperature of the soil as a means of monitoring the volcanic activity of Mount Erebus. In addition, the applicant wishes to measure the quantity of CO₂ in the soil and its rate of flux into the atmosphere. This will provide information on the degassing behavior of the magmata system underlying Mount Erebus.

Location: Tramway Ridge, Mt. Erebus, Ross Island (ASPA #130).

Dates: December 01-30, 1999.

3. *Applicant:* Bess B. Ward, Geosciences Department, M-51 Guyot Hall, Washington Road, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544.

Permit Application No.: 2000-017.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Introduction of a non-indigenous species.

The applicant proposes to measure denitrification rates at Lake Bonney, by performing positive control experiments using cultures of bacteria originally isolated from the lake during the 1992-93 season. The original samples were purified and characterized in the laboratory. During the intervening time since collection, the cultures were stored at -70°C, except when grown for experiments. The applicant plans to initiate new transfers from the frozen stock to produce inoculate to be used in the Cray Lab at McMurdo Station. There is a slight chance that the original organism may have changed during the prolonged culture/storage period, such that returning them to Antarctica may constitute introduction of a non-indigenous species. The isolates will be used in experiments carried out in solely in Cray Lab. After use, the cultures and any contaminated containers will be autoclaved and discarded as appropriate.

Location: Cray Science and Engineering Center, McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Dates: November 01, 1999-December 15, 1999.

4. *Applicant:* Brenda Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5790.

Permit Application No.: 2000-018.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area.

The applicant is currently studying the lake-level changes in the Dry Valley region of Antarctica.

As a result, they have discovered that over the past 30,000 years, the Dry

Valleys have been repeatedly filled with large lakes that were up to 400m deeper than the present lakes. The applicant plans to document evidence of past lake-level fluctuations and developing an accurate chronology. There has been very little work done in the Barwick Valley, which was last mapped in the 1960's and then only at a reconnaissance level. The applicants mapping reconnaissance over the past few years led to the identification of widespread lacustrine deposits, including small deltas with datable organic material. The applicant proposes to enter the Barwick Valley Special Site of Scientific Interest No. 123 to continuing the mapping program and to collect a few samples of evaporates and, if present, algae, from key lacustrine deposits for radiocarbon and uranium-thorium dating. The applicant will sample an area of about 10 cm x 10 cm and replace all surface material (gravel, artifacts) that might be disturbed.

Location: Barwick Valley, Victoria Land.

Dates: November 01 to December 31, 1999.

5. *Applicant:* Donal T. Manahan, Biological Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0371.

Permit Application No.: 2000-019.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Introduce Non-indigenous Species into Antarctica.

The applicant proposes to bring bacterial cultures of *E. coli* to Antarctica as a component of several molecular biology DNA cloning kits that will be used by the Integrative Biology course at McMurdo Station. *E. coli* will be used to replicate DNA during gene cloning. The bacterial stocks will be transported on dry ice, along with other kit reagents. All experiments will be conducted in the Cray Science and Engineering Center at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Immediately after conducting experiments using *E. coli* cultures, all media and materials will be sterilized by autoclaving. Standard P-2 containment guidelines will be strictly followed for the subsequent disposal of all materials and supplies. All *E. coli* cultures will be sterilized and killed at the end of the season.

Location: McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Dates: December 20, 1999 to February 20, 2000.

6. *Applicant:* Gerald L. Kooyman, Scholander Hall, Rm. 0204, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093.

Permit Application No.: 2000-020.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Taking.

The applicant proposes to continue seabird research during the Antarctic Pack Ice Seals cruise in the eastern Ross and Amundsen Seas. The objectives are to: (1) Survey bird molt habitat and determine bird density; (2) conduct bird counts for general distribution and density from line transects along the route of the ship, and from helicopter survey tracks; (3) determine prey type from stomach samples collected from approximately 20 birds; (4) determine foraging behavior by attaching TDR's to Emperor penguins, then recovering the TDR's using VHF locating transmitters; and (5) attach Platform Transmitter Terminals (PTT) to approximately 10 birds to obtain tracks of post-molt birds. In order to achieve objectives 3, 4 and 5, up to 20 Emperor penguins will be captured, then released.

Diet studies of large penguins that range widely are usually accomplished after a long journey back to the colony. This will be one of the few, if not the only, study to conduct a diet analysis at the foraging site concurrent with a study of prey distribution and abundance. Also, Emperor penguins have never been tracked from the molt area back to the colony to determine the favored foraging areas. As one of the most important top predators in the Ross Sea, this information will be valuable for an ecosystem analysis of the Ross Sea.

Location: Ross and Amundsen Seas pack ice.

Dates: December 15, 1999 to April 01, 2000.

7. Applicant: John L. Bengtson, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., Seattle, WA 98115.

Permit Application No.: 2000-021.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Taking; Import into the U.S. and Export from the U.S.

The applicant is a participant in the Antarctic Pack Ice Seals project that consists of penniped studies in the circumpolar pack ice zone and land-based studies at selected sites around the continent. A primary objective is to study the feeding ecology, seasonal movements, diving patterns, reproduction, and population dynamics of Antarctic seals and to examine their role in the marine ecosystem.

The applicant plans to capture and release up to 500 Crabeater seals, 300 Leopard and Weddell seals, and 100 Ross, Antarctic fur and Southern elephant seals for purposes of attaching time-depth recorders and radio transmitters to monitor their feeding

and diving behavior. In addition, selected individuals may be tagged to assist in identification and to monitor migrations. Seals will also be marked, weighed, measured, and tissue samples collected. Tissue specimens may also be collected from dead seals. Aerial surveys will be conducted to assess the abundance and distribution of pinnipeds in various habitats. To optimize the use of specimen materials collected, the applicant proposes to exchange specimens with researchers in various countries. The collected materials will be imported into the U.S., then exported to collaborating investigators in other countries.

Location: Circumpolar pack ice areas.

Dates: January 01, 2000 to December 31, 2003.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-341]

Detroit Edison Company; Fermi 2; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 134 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-43 issued to the Detroit Edison Company (the licensee), for operation of Fermi 2, located in Monroe County, Michigan.

The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 90 days. The implementation of the amendment includes two license conditions that are being added to Section 2.C of the operating license as part of the amendment.

The amendment replaces, in its entirety, the current Technical Specifications (TSs) with a set of improved TSs based on (1) NUREG-1433, "Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric Plants BWR/4," Revision 1, dated April 1995, including subsequent approved changes to the standard TSs, (2) guidance provided in the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specifications Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," published on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), and (3) 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications," as amended July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953). In addition, the amendment added two license conditions to Section 2.C of the operating license that (1) require the

relocation of certain current TS requirements into licensee-controlled documents, and (2) provide the schedule for the first performance of surveillance requirements that are new or revised in the amendment.

The application for the amendment, as supplemented, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 1999 (64 FR 43408). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment beyond that described in the Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of Fermi 2 dated August 1981, and in the addendum to the Final Environmental Statement dated March 1982. The Environmental Assessment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1999 (64 FR 52800).

For further details with respect to the action, see (1) the application for amendment dated April 3, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated September 28, October 19, and December 10, 1998, and January 8, January 26, February 24, March 30, April 8, April 30, May 7, June 2, June 24, June 30, July 7, July 13, July 26, August 4, August 17, August 25, and September 8, 1999, (2) Amendment No. 134 to License No. NPF-43, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Monroe County Library System, Ellis Reference and Information Center, 3700 South Custer Road, Monroe, Michigan 48161.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of September 1999.