

Geoff Haines-Stiles, Permit No. 2008–024
 Rennie S. Holt, Permit No. 2008–025
 Craig Tweedie, Permit No. 2008–028
 David L. Barbeau, Permit No. 2008–029

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 2007, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on November 28, 2007 to:

David Caron, Permit No. 2008–027

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit modification issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 2007, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a Waste

Management permit application received. A Waste Management permit was issued on November 26, 2007 to the following applicant:

Jon Bowermaster, Permit No.: 2008 WM–001

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

National Science Board; Roundtable Discussion on Cost Sharing

DATE AND TIME: December 7, 2007; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Richards, National Science Board Office, Telephone: (703) 292–7000, e-mail: jrichar@nsf.gov. Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for updated Agenda.

Status: This Roundtable Discussion will be open to the public.

Provisional Agenda

Roundtable Discussion on Cost Sharing

8 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

- Dr. Kelvin K. Droegemeier, National Science Board Member and Chair, Board Task Force on Cost Sharing

8:05 a.m. Motivation, Purpose and Goals

- Dr. Droegemeier

8:15 a.m. Process and Logistics for Board Workshops

- Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Director, National Science Board

8:25 a.m. Introduction of Participants

8:35 a.m. Remarks: History of Cost Sharing in Federally Funded Research and Key Issues in Cost Sharing

Speaker: Robert J. Hardy, Director, Contracts and Intellectual Property Management, Council on Governmental Relations (RMR Author)*

9:20 a.m. Direct and Indirect Impacts of Cost Sharing on the University Research Enterprise

Discussion Moderator: Howard Gobstein, Vice President for Research and Science Policy, NASULGC*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the effects of cost sharing

requirements on the academic R&D enterprise and the extent to which cost sharing impedes or promotes strategic financial investments in research by colleges and universities. Of further interest is the impact of cost sharing on the overall costs of academic R&D borne by universities and colleges.

10:10 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. The Nature and Role of Cost Sharing in the Proposal Decision Process

Discussion Moderator: Arthur Bienenstock, Special Assistant to the President for SLAC and Federal Research Policy, Stanford University (RMR Author)*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the fundamental philosophy of mandated and voluntary cost sharing in Federally funded research. Regarding voluntary cost sharing (or institutional commitment), the Board is specifically examining the extent to which these resources should be regulated and monitored, and the extent to which they should be considered as part of the peer review or agency decision processes if they bear on the investigator's or institution's ability to complete the proposed work.

11:15 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Impacts of Cost Sharing on University-Industry Research Partnerships

Discussion Moderator: Dan Mote, Co-Chair, Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining whether cost sharing policies can be tailored for effective application to specific types of programs (such as those involving industry), and whether the elimination of non-statutory cost sharing has had a positive or negative impact on those specific types of programs.

1:20 p.m. Reporting and Auditing of Cost Sharing: Agency and Institutional Perspectives

Discussion Moderators: Sarah Wasserman, former Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the nature and magnitude of the challenges for both Federal agencies and grantee institutions in tracking and reporting both mandatory and voluntary cost sharing.

2:10 p.m. Break

2:25 p.m. Preventing the "Have"/"Have Not" Gap in University Competition for Federal Research Grants

Discussion Moderator: Irwin Feller,

Professor Emeritus of Economics,
Pennsylvania State University*

Discussion Item: The Board is examining the extent to which cost sharing impacts participation in Federal research funding opportunities.

3:15 p.m. Roundtable Discussion:
Options for Revision to Board Cost
Sharing Policy for NSF

Discussion Moderator: Dr.
Droegemeier

4:15 p.m. Summary and Next Steps

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

* pending acceptance of invitation

Note: This roundtable discussion will not involve National Science Board deliberations and is not subject to 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials; Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M) will hold its 185th meeting on December 17-19, 2007, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Monday, December 17, 2007, Room T-2B3

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.-10 a.m.: Electric Power Research Institute's Report on Drift Degradation at Yucca Mountain (Open)—A representative from the Electric Power Research Institute will summarize the approach, methods, and conclusions of their 2007 report on drift degradation.

1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Update on NRC Rulemaking on Groundwater Protection at the In-Situ Leach Uranium Mining Facilities (Open)—NRC staff from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) will brief the Committee on the status of the rulemaking on groundwater protection at in-situ leach uranium recovery sites.

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Vendor's View on the Transportation-Aging Disposal Performance Specifications (Open)—A representative from NAC International, a commercial cask vendor, will brief the Committee on their views on the Transportation-Aging-Disposal (TAD)

performance specifications, possible challenges the vendor may be facing, and suggestions for expediting NRC approval of any TAD license application.

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

Tuesday, December 18, 2007, Room T-2B3

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Status of Operations at the Barnwell Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility (Open)—The Barnwell low-level radioactive waste (LLW) disposal facility is scheduled to close to non-compact states in July 2008. A representative of the site's operator, Energy Solutions, will update the Committee on activities at this commercial disposal facility in anticipation of scaled-back operations.

9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: NRC 2006 Commercial LLW Strategic Planning Initiative (Open)—Representatives from the Office of FSME will brief the Committee on their recently-issued Commission Paper (SECY-07-0180) containing specific recommendations on the scope of work to be considered in any future NRC commercial LLW program. This briefing is also expected to include a summary of the public comments received in 2005.

1 p.m.-2 p.m.: Review of Planned Waste Management Activities at U.S. Department of Energy Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (Open)—NRC staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards will brief the Committee on planned waste management activities at U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility in Aiken, South Carolina.

2 p.m.-3 p.m.: Briefing on Tritium Task Force Actions to Revise the Significance Determination Process to Address Spills and Leaks (Open)—A representative from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation will report on the revisions to its Significance Determination Process to address radioactive liquid spills and leaks in response to an action recommended in the Tritium Task Force Report.

3:15 p.m.-5 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Room T-2B1

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.-3 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue discussion of proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

3 p.m.-4 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW&M activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include content of future letters and scope of future Committee Meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW&M meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2007 (72 FR 54693). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Dr. Antonio F. Dias (Telephone 301-415-6805), between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. (ET), as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW&M Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW&M office prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW&M meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Dr. Dias as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, as well as the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Dr. Dias.

Video teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW&M meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW&M meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS/ACNW&M Audio Visual Assistant (301-415-8066), between 7:30