

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before January 2, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (97-165)]

NASA Advisory Council; Meeting.

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council.

DATES: Tuesday, December 16, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 17, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Room 9H40, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Anne L. Accola, Code Z, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-2096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Space Science Enterprise Overview
- Technology Development in the Space Science Enterprise
- Earth Science Enterprise Overview
- NRC Report on Space Shuttle Meteoroid/Debris Risk Management

- Astrobiology
- Student Opportunities for Access to Space
- Faster, Better, Cheaper
- Committee and Task Force Reports
- Discussion of Findings and Recommendations

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Alan M. Ladwig,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Plans, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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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 Act 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 27, 1997, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on November 24, 1997 to the following applicants:

Alexandra C. Brown and Maria Uhle—Permit No. 98-016

Philip R. Kyle—Permit No. 98-018

Gary Miller—Permit No. 98-019

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit 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, Pub. L. 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 December 31st. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1033.

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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The application received is as follows:

<p><i>Applicant</i> Howard E. Evans, Veterinary College, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.</p> <p><i>Activity for Which Permit is Requested</i> Take and Import into the United States The applicant will be leading a Cornell Adult University tour on a cruise ship in the Antarctic Peninsula and applicant proposes salvage carcasses and remains of penguins, birds or seals as study materials. These materials will be imported to the U.S. and stored in the Cornell University Collections for use as teaching aides or in research.</p> <p><i>Location</i> Various sites within the Antarctic Peninsula Area</p> <p><i>Dates</i> January 7, 1998 to January 21, 1998</p>	Permit Application: 98-020.
<p>2. <i>Applicant</i> Rennie S. Holt, Chief Scientist, AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093.</p> <p><i>Activity for Which Permit is Requested</i> Taking, Import into the United States, and Enter Site of Special Scientific Interest. The applicant will be conducting ship-supported and land-based studies in the region of the Antarctic Peninsula. Studies encompassing census surveys, attendance, energetics, foraging, and long term monitoring (censusing/tagging) of Antarctic fur seals (<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>) will be initiated at the newly established AMLR Program campsite at Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island and continued at their existing camp on Seal Island. Up to 80 adult and 1180 pups will be captured and tagged. In addition up to 40 female/pup pairs will be captured to quantify the foraging costs of maternal investment in pups associated with changes in foraging strategies observed. Energetic costs and benefits of different foraging patterns can be determined by simultaneous measurements of energy expenditure (isotope), food intake (isotope), dive depth, duration, time of day and dive frequency (via TDR's), swim speed (TDR), and foraging location (satellite transmitter). Attendance information collected from these instrumented females will address issues such as (a) prey availability and subsequent impact on females and pups, and (b) attendance-related factors of pup growth. Milk extraction and gastric lavage/intubation will be used for energetic studies, providing trophic information. In addition the applicant proposes to salvage bones and carcasses of dead seals for importation to the U.S. These materials will be stored at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center for education and research purposes.</p> <p><i>Location</i> Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (SSSI #32), Byers Peninsula (SSSI #6), South Shetland Island, Antarctic Peninsula.</p> <p><i>Dates</i> January 1, 1998 to April 1, 2001.</p>	Permit Application: 98-021.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an

agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* New.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Joint NRC/EPA Survey of Sewage Sludge/Ash.

3. *The form number if applicable:* None.

4. *How often the collection is required:* This is a one-time collection.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Selected publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), and Agreement States.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 600 POTWs for the questionnaire and 300 POTWs for sample collection, plus 30 Agreement States for reporting of licensees associated with Zip Codes.

7. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the*

requirement or request: An average of 1 hour per respondent for questionnaire and 6 hours each for selected respondents for collecting samples, plus 8 hours each for 30 Agreement States. The total burden is 2,640 hours.

8. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

9. *Abstract:* The survey will obtain national estimates of high probability occurrences of elevated levels of radioactive materials in sludge and ash at POTWs, estimate the extent to which radioactive contamination comes from either NRC/Agreement State licensees or from naturally-occurring radioactivity, and support possible rulemaking decisions by NRC and EPA. NRC and EPA will send questionnaires to selected POTWs. Based on the results of that survey, NRC and EPA will identify approximately 300 POTWs from which samples of sewage sludge/ash will be taken and analyzed. Results of the full survey will be published for use by