

commercial, government, or organizational affiliation, if any.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Contact our main office number, (202) 395-1010, for the exact location of the meetings. Other comments or questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Randy Ayers, (202) 395-1010, or via facsimile, (202) 395-1020.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

**Robert Wexler,**

*General Counsel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

December 22, 1997.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in

accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Todd R. Owen ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to Owen-Todd@dol.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate 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;

- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Ventilation Plans, Tests and Examinations in Underground Coal Mines.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0088 (Extension, with change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for profit; small businesses or organizations.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
75.310 .....	980	Weekly .....	64,512	7 minutes .....	7,523
75.312 .....	1,003	Daily .....	1,293	.24485 minutes .....	99,739
75.321(c)(d) .....	980	Monthly .....	11,760	.3325 minutes .....	3,920
75.312(g) .....	620	On occasion .....	7,440	5 minutes .....	620
75.312(g)(2)(ii) .....	23	On occasion .....	276	10 minutes .....	46
75.342 .....	980	Monthly .....	27,612	.1669 minutes .....	4,610
75.351(h) .....	60	Monthly .....	1,560	3.836 .....	5,984
75.360 .....	980	On occasion .....	448,490	3.279 hrs .....	1,470,667
75.361 .....	980	On occasion .....	15,000	30 minutes .....	7,500
75.362 .....	980	On occasion .....	864,535	.7434 minutes .....	642,744
75.363 .....	980	On occasion .....	76,700	.1333 minutes .....	10,224
75.364 .....	980	On occasion .....	44,740	9.1837 hours .....	410,878
75.370 .....	980	On occasion .....	1,878	20.355 hours .....	38,226
75.382 .....	300	Weekly .....	15,000	1 hour .....	15,000
Totals .....	.....	.....	2,262,566	1.20376 hours .....	2,717,687

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.*

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$194,256.*

Requires operators of underground coal mines to keep records of the results of certain tests and examinations which are required to be performed to monitor the ventilation system. The information is used to insure that the integrity of the ventilation system is being maintained and that a safe working environment is being provided to miners.

**Todd R. Owen,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Modification Request  
Received Under the Antarctic  
Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a request to modify a permit issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541; Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, Part 670).

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or vies with respect to the permit modification on or before January 30, 1998. The permit modification request 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:** Joyce A. Jatko or Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1030.

**Description of Permit Modification Requested**

1. On December 27, 1996, the National Science Foundation issued a permit (97WM-4) to Dr. Rennie S. Holt at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Antarctic Marine Living Resources (AMLR) Program after posting a notice in the November 21, 1996 **Federal Register**. Public comments were not received. The issued permit was for the use and release of designated pollutants associated with the construction and operation of a research field camp at Camp Shirreff, Livingston Island, Antarctica (62°28'S60°47'W). During the first season at Cape Shirreff, only limited research activities were conducted as most of the effort was focused on camp construction. In the coming seasons, the AMLR Program proposes to expand research activities, providing a more comprehensive research program. One project of this expanded program proposes to use the doubly labeled water (tritiated and oxygen-18) method to measure the free-ranging foraging energetics of Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*). Use of tritium labeled water was not included in the original permit request. The scope of this application for a permit modification pertains to waste management issues involved with the use and handling of the radioactive isotope tritium. The duration of the requested modification is coincident with the current permit which expires on April 30, 2001.

All radioisotope materials will be handled only by researchers trained in their proper handling and use. For each season it is anticipated that approximately 55 mCi  $^3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  will be used for research purposes. All wastes generated from the research activities will be double bagged, packaged in appropriate containers lined with absorbent pads, and will be returned to the University of California Environmental Health and Safety Office, Santa Cruz for disposal. Conditions of the permit modification would include an annual report of all activities involving the tritium and a declaration by the institutional radiation safety officer that all materials returned from the Antarctic have been received.

**Joyce A. Jatko,**

*Acting Permit Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations****I. Background**

Pursuant to Pub. L. 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Pub. L. 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from December 6, 1997, through December 18, 1997. The last biweekly notice was published on December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66133).

**Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period.

However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By January 30, 1998, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room for the particular facility involved. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board