

or may join the phone line in a listening-only capacity (with the exception of the public comment period) using the following call-in number: 1-888-438-5453; Passcode: 7040549. If asked, the conference call leader's name is Aaron Bishop.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Council will receive updates from the Council's standing committees and will deliberate on several policy project proposals on topics including automated vehicle technology, vocational rehabilitation, home- and community-based services, and veterans issues, including re-entry of veterans with disabilities into civilian life. The Council will also use the quarterly meeting to release and provide a policy briefing on a new NCD policy paper on deinstitutionalization ("Deinstitutionalization: Unfinished Business") and its accompanying online toolkit.

Only the Governance and Planning Committee will provide its committee report on Monday, October 22, from 4:30-5 p.m., ET. The remaining committee reports, including deliberation on proposed policy projects, will resume on Tuesday, October 23, at 9:15 a.m., ET. During those deliberations, NCD Members will also discuss the format and topical focus for its 2013 Progress Report to the President and U.S. Congress during the morning of October 23. NCD's annual Progress Report is a statutorily mandated report intended to provide an assessment of the status of the nation in achieving equality of opportunity, economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society for people with disabilities, along with recommendations for policy changes. NCD is charged by Congress with seeking input from the public, particularly people with disabilities, in determining the issues on which to focus, and the findings, conclusions, and recommendations in the report. Accordingly, NCD welcomes public comment on October 23, from 4:00-4:30 p.m., ET, specific to suggestions regarding the focus, findings, conclusions, and recommendations of its 2013 Progress Report. The policy briefing on NCD's "Deinstitutionalization: Unfinished Business" policy paper will occur at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public comment period will take place on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, from 4 p.m.-4:30 p.m., ET. Although comments on any topic are accepted, NCD welcomes public comment specific to suggestions

regarding the focus, findings, conclusions, and recommendations of its 2013 Progress Report.

Any individuals interested in providing public comment will be asked to provide their names and their organizational affiliations, if applicable, and to limit their comments to three minutes. Individuals may also provide public comment by sending their comments in writing to Lawrence Carter-Long, Public Affairs Specialist, at [lcarterlong@ncd.gov](mailto:lcarterlong@ncd.gov), using the subject line of "Public Comment."

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Anne Sommers, NCD, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202-272-2004 (V), 202-272-2074 (TTY).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Those who plan to attend and require accommodations should notify NCD as soon as possible to allow time to make arrangements.

Dated: September 28, 2012.

**Aaron Bishop,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**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 November 2, 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:

#### Permit Application: 2013-022

1. *Applicant:* Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Department of Oceanography, Rm. 608 Eller Oceanography & Meteorology Bldg., 3146 Texas A&M University, College Station. TX 77843-3146.

#### Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter ASPA158-Hut Point, ASPA 122-Arrival Heights, ASPA 157-Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Turtle Rock, and Bratina Island to collect soil samples and take permafrost measurements. These sites are specifically targeted because of the nature of their geology, climatic influences, and topography. Two sites will be sampled as reference controls (Cape Royds-ASPA 157 and Bratina Island) for the study of temporal and spatial scales of various types of disturbances in and around McMurdo Station. The other sites (Arrival Heights-ASPA 122 and Hut Point-ASPA 158), have been sampled in past field seasons and are slated to be sampled as part of the ongoing environmental monitoring program.

#### Location

ASPA158-Hut Point, ASPA 122-Arrival Heights, ASPA 157-Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Turtle Rock, and Bratina Island.

#### Dates

December 12, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

#### Permit Application: 2013-023

*Applicant:* Diana H. Wall, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, Dept. 1499, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80526-1499.

#### Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 116-New

College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 121–Cape Royds, and ASPA 124–Cape Crozier to collect soils and associated terrestrial invertebrates found in ornithogenic soils from penguin rookeries. The intent of the survey is to describe suitable habitats in ornithogenic soils of Ross Island and to compare these habitats with those identified in the Dry Valleys.

#### Location

ASPA 116–New College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 121–Cape Royds, and ASPA 124–Cape Crozier.

#### Dates

January 1, 2012 to February 25, 2012.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Computing Communication Foundations; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

**NAME:** Site Visit, Proposal Panel Review for Expeditions in Computing Program (#1192).

#### DATE/TIME:

October 15, 2012 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

October 16, 2012 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

October 17, 2012 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

**PLACE:** University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Partial Closed.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Vasant G. Honavar, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1125, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–7129.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** To assess the progress of the EIC Award: 1029711, “Collaborative Research: Mining Climate and Ecosystem Data”, and to provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

#### AGENDA:

#### Monday, October 15, 2012

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Closed

Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge.

#### Tuesday, October 16, 2012

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to Open

Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff and students, to Site Team

and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

1 p.m.–8 p.m. Closed

Draft report on education and research activities.

#### Wednesday, October 17, 2012

8:30 a.m.–noon Open

Response presentations by Awardee Institution faculty staff to Site Team and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

Noon to 3 p.m. Closed

Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

**Reason for Closing:** The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 28, 2012.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[[NRC–2012–0231]]

### Control of Ferrite Content in Stainless Steel Weld Metal

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG–1279, “Control of Ferrite Content in Stainless Steel Weld Metal.” This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for controlling ferrite content in stainless steel weld metal. Revision 4 updates the guide to remove references to outdated standards and to remove an appendix that has been incorporated into relevant specifications.

**DATES:** Submit comments by December 2, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or

improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC–2012–0231. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2012–0231. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–492–3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB–05–B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301–492–3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see “Accessing Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mekonen Bayssie, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–251–7489 or email: [Mekonen.Bayssie@nrc.gov](mailto:Mekonen.Bayssie@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2012–0231 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2012–0231.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The draft