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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

SES Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the names of members of the Performance Review Board for the National Endowment for the Arts. This notice supercedes all previous notices of the PRB membership of the Agency.

DATES: Upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maxine C. Jefferson, Director of Human Resources, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 627, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682-5405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sec. 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following persons have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the National Endowment for the Arts: Eileen B. Mason, Senior Deputy Chairman, Laurence M. Baden, Deputy Chairman for Management and Budget, Alfred B. Spellman, Jr., Deputy Chairman for Guidelines, Panel, and Council Operations, Ann G. Hingston, Congressional and White House Liaison, Michael R. Burke, Chief Information Officer.

Murray R. Welsh,

Director of Administrative Services, National Endowment for the Arts.

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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 this permit application by November 5, 2002. 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) 292-7405.

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 applications received are as follows:

[Permit Application No. 2003-013]

1. *Applicant:* Arthur L. DeVries, 524 Burrill Hall, Department of Animal Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to bring approximately 5 million

frozen brine shrimp (*Artemia franciscana*) egg cysts to Antarctica to be used as food for Antarctic larval fishes. The brine shrimp will be hatched in +20°C seawater in incubators in the Crary Science and Engineering Center at McMurdo Station. The hatched larva will be concentrated to the consistency of a thick soup, frozen into 2 cubic centimeter cubes at -80°C and fed to Dragon fish larva (*Gymnodraco acuticeps*). The larva will be held in small running seawater aquaria with the outlet screened with a mesh sufficiently small to prevent escape of the dead brine shrimp, as well as the fish larva. Residual dead brine shrimp will be retrieved from the aquaria, autoclaved and disposed of as biological waste.

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

Dates: November 5, 2002 to February 28, 2003.

[Permit Application No. 2003-014]

2. *Applicant:* Gary D. Miller, Biology Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take and Import into the United States. The applicant plans to continue analysis of the phylogenetic relationships, population genetics, and diseases of Antarctic seabirds. The applicant will embark on a circumnavigation cruise of the Antarctic this season and plans to collect small tissue samples from fresh or frozen carcasses of various seabirds, with a main focus on collecting samples from Emperor penguin carcasses. The cruise will allow access to a number of Emperor penguin rookeries, as well as other sites. No more than fifteen samples will be collected from a single site. Tissue samples will be homogenized and put into a buffer solution to stabilize the DNA. As part of this collaborative work, chick carcasses will be inspected for the presence of Bursa of Fabricius, which will be excised and preserved for PCR testing for the presence of viruses. The Bursa samples will be returned to Dr. Geoff Shellam's lab in Perth, Australia, whereas all other samples will be imported to the U.S. and processed at the University of New Mexico.

Location: Balleny Islands, Shirley Island, Haswell Island, Vestfold Hills, Larsemann Hills, Scullin and Murray Monoliths, Cape Darnley, Auster Rookery, Kloa Point, Proclamation Island, Lazarev Ice Shelf, Atka Bay, Elephant Island, Pourquoi Pas Island, Cape Hallett, and Cape Adare.

Dates: November 15, 2002 to November 15, 2003.

[Permit Application No. 2003-014]

3. *Applicant:* Joan Miller, P.O. Box 237, Tesuque, NM 87574.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctica Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes to enter several ASPA's on Ross Island to photograph the exterior and interior of the historic huts. The photographs will be used to illustrate the efforts to preserve historic materials from attack by fungi and bacteria. In addition, images will be used in a book documenting the history of human habitation in Antarctica, and will chronicle the use of various materials used for structures, clothing, transport, and communication from the early 1900's through the present.

Location:

ASPA #154—Cape Evans Historic Site

ASPA #156—Hut and Associated artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island

ASPA #157—Discovery Hut, Hut Point, Ross Island

Dates: October 7, 2002 to January 23, 2003.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-188]

Notice of License Renewal Application for Facility Operating License; Kansas State University

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received a license renewal application from the Kansas State University dated September 12, 2002, filed pursuant to section 104c of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), for the necessary license to operate a TRIGA nuclear reactor for an additional 20-year period. The reactor is located at the Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. It is also proposed for operation for educational training and research at a steady state power level of 500 kilowatts, an increase of 250 kilowatts from its previous steady state power level of 250 kilowatts, and with pulse maximum reactivity insertions of \$3.00, an increase of \$1.00 from its previous limit of \$2.00. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing and other matters, including an opportunity to request a hearing, will be the subject of a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or electronically from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible from the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, please contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of October 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert L. Dennig,

Acting Program Director, Operating Reactor Improvements Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 40-08155]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for H.C. Starck, Inc., Coldwater, MI, Site and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to Source Material License No. STB-1161 to authorize decommissioning of the H.C. Starck, Inc. facilities in Coldwater, Michigan. This license issued to H.C. Starck, Inc., authorizes the possession of a maximum of 44 kilograms of natural thorium for the processing of thorium oxide in the form of a thorium-nickel powder into ingots and sheets. As a result of conducting these licensed operations, the H.C. Starck site is radiologically contaminated with loose and fixed surface contamination on some interior building surfaces and equipment.

On June 4, 2002, the licensee submitted a site decommissioning plan (SDP) to NRC for review. The SDP indicates that long-term doses from the contaminated material at current levels are in excess of the requirements of the Radiological Criteria for License Termination rule (10 CFR part 20, Subpart E). Therefore, the licensee

proposes to decontaminate the site to levels that will meet the requirements of the Radiological Criteria for License Termination rule and allow the site to be released for unrestricted use.

If the NRC approves this request, the approval will be documented in a license amendment to NRC License STB-1161. However, prior to the approval and issuance of the amendment, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a license amendment falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR part 2. Pursuant to Sec. 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with Sec. 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by mail or facsimile (301-415-1101) addressed to: The Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally, or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, H.C. Starck, Inc., 460 Jay Street, Coldwater, MI 49036, Attention Dave Meendering, Plant Manager, and,

2. The NRC staff, General Counsel, by mail, addressed to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

a. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

b. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in Sec. 2.1205(h);