

discounting nominal flows, which are often encountered in lease-purchase analysis.

#### NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

[In percent]

3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10-Year	20-Year	30-Year
2.3	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.4	4.5

*Real Discount Rates.* A forecast of real interest rates from which the inflation premium has been removed and based

on the economic assumptions from the 2011 Budget is presented below. These real rates are to be used for discounting

constant-dollar flows, as is often required in cost-effectiveness analysis.

#### REAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

[In percent]

3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10-Year	20-Year	30-Year
0.9	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.7

Analyses of programs with terms different from those presented above may use a linear interpolation. For example, a four-year project can be evaluated with a rate equal to the average of the three-year and five-year rates. Programs with durations longer than 30 years may use the 30-year interest rate.

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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 Modification 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 requests to modify permits issued 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 a requested permit modification.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by January 19, 2010. 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), 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 a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (2009-014) to Dr. Douglas P. Nowacek, Duke University on January 7, 2009. The issued permit allows the applicant to tag up to 100 Humpback and Minke whales each.

The applicant requests to collect skin and blubber samples from an additional 100 Humpback and Minke whales each. Samples will be used to determine genetic stock structure of the animals sampled as well as individual genetic identification and sex determination. Skin samples will also be collected to stable isotope analysis that provides information on the diet composition of individual whales.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula waters.

*Dates:* January 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos.: 70-7003, 70-7004; NRC-2009-0177]

#### USEC, Inc.; American Centrifuge Plant; American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility; Notice of Withdrawal of License Transfer Application and Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Conforming Amendment

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted a request from USEC Inc. (USEC) to withdraw its February 10, 2009 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML090850065), request for written consent to transfer control of Material Licenses SNM-7003 and SNM-2011 (American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility [LCF] and American Centrifuge Plant [ACP], respectively) from USEC to a subsidiary limited liability company (LLC) under the provisions of 10 Code of Regulations (CFR) 70.36. The request was supplemented by letters dated June 12, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML091670085, Supplement to Request for Written Consent to Transfer of Licenses), and June 17, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML091970393, Draft Financial Assurance Instrument Associated with Request for Transfer of Licenses).

Under their request, USEC proposed to modify its existing corporate structure and requested NRC consent to transfer control of Material Licenses SNM-7003 and SNM-2011 from USEC Inc. to the subsidiary American Centrifuge Operating, LLC. In addition,

USEC requested NRC approval of changes to the LCF and the ACP Material Licenses, license applications, and security program documents to reflect the changes in USEC's corporate structure. No physical or operational changes to the LCF or the ACP were being proposed.

The NRC had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of the Receipt of a License Transfer Application and Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Conforming Amendment and Opportunity to Provide Comments and Request a Hearing in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2009 (74 FR 18749). However, by letter dated November 25, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML093350026), USEC withdrew its request.

For further details with respect to this action, see USEC's request dated February 10, 2009, the supplemental letter dated June 12, 2009, and the licensee's letter dated November 25, 2009, which withdrew the request for consent to transfer control of Material Licenses SNM-7003 and SNM-2011. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Room O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of December, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Osiris Siurano,**

*Project Manager, Uranium Enrichment Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Glenda Haendschke, Acting Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between March 1, 2009, and March 31, 2009. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of September 30 is published each year. The following Schedules are *not* codified in the code of Federal Regulations. These are agency specific exceptions.

**Schedule A**

No Schedule A appointments in the month of March 2009.

**Schedule B**

No Schedule B appointments were approved for March 2009.

**Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during March 2009:

*Commodity Futures Trading  
Commission*

CTOT09768 Director, Office of External Affairs for the Chairperson. Effective March 6, 2009.

*Environmental Protection Agency*

EPGS09006 Deputy Press Secretary for the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective March 5, 2009.

EPGS07029 Director of Advance to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective March 12, 2009.

EPGS60076 Senior Counsel for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective March 26, 2009.

*Occupational Safety and Health Review  
Commission*

SHGS00007 Confidential Assistant to the Chairman. Effective March 3, 2009.

SHGS60008 Counsel to a Commissioner. Effective March 3, 2009.

SHGS60009 Confidential Assistant to the Commission. Effective March 3, 2009.

*Office of the United States Trade  
Representative*

TNGS00006 Director of Scheduling and Advance for the Chief of Staff. Effective March 30, 2009.

TNGS90001 Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison. Effective March 30, 2009.

TNGS90002 Congressional Affairs Specialist to the United States Trade Representative. Effective March 30, 2009.

TNGS90003 Personal Assistant to the United States Trade Representative. Effective March 30, 2009.

TNGS90005 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective March 30, 2009.

TNGS90006 Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs. Effective March 30, 2009.

*Securities and Exchange Commission*

SEOT11011 Director of Communications to the Chairman. Effective March 5, 2009.

SEOT11012 Chief of Staff to the Chairman. Effective March 5, 2009.

SEOT60090 Confidential Assistant to the Chairman. Effective March 17, 2009.

*Department of State*

DSGS69808 Staff Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective March 18, 2009.

*Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00407 Executive Assistant to the Senior Advisor. Effective March 6, 2009.

DYGS00424 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy). Effective March 19, 2009.

DYGS00446 Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs. Effective March 19, 2009.

DYGS00479 Speechwriter. Effective March 26, 2009.

*Department of Defense*

DDGS17185 Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Effective March 4, 2009.

DDGS17186 Staff Assistant for Policy. Effective March 4, 2009.

DDGS17187 Special Assistant for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs. Effective March 11, 2009.

DDGS16914 Personal and Confidential Assistant for the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective March 16, 2009.

DDGS17194 Special Assistant for White House Liaison for the Secretary of Defense. Effective March 30, 2009.

DDGS17190 Special Assistant for General Counsel. Effective March 31, 2009.