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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 05-107]

**Return to Flight Task Group; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Return to Flight Task Group (RTF TG).

**DATES:** Monday June 27, 2005, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. eastern daylight time.

**ADDRESSES:** Residence Inn Capitol, 333 E Street SW., Washington DC 20024. The meeting will be held in the Capitol Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Vincent D. Watkins at (281) 792-7523.

*Rationale for Exception to Less Than 15 Day Notice:* This event is directly related to scheduling constraints imposed by the nation's Space Shuttle Program return to flight launch activities. Critical data necessary for the Task Group to complete its assessment was made available based on necessary milestones required for the agency to ensure a safe return to flight. The proximity of those milestones to the new STS-114 launch date prevents the Task Group from scheduling its last public meeting within the 15 day notice requirement.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the meeting room. Attendees will be requested to sign a register. Audio of the meeting will be distributed via the Internet at <http://returntoflight.org>.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Welcome remarks from Co-Chair
- Discussion of status of NASA's implementation of selected Columbia Accident Investigation Board return to flight recommendations
- Action item summary from Executive Secretary
- Closing remarks from Co-Chair

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the

scheduling priorities of the key participants.

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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 July 25, 2005. 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:**

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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

**Permit Application No. 2006-015**

1. *Applicant:* Shane B. Kanatous, Southwestern Medical Center,

University of Texas, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75390-8573.

**Activity for Which Permit is Requested**

Take and Import into the United States. The applicant proposes to capture up to 10 each of Weddell seal newborn pups, sub adults, and adults each season to be weighed and to collect muscle samples. The samples will be returned to the U.S. for further scientific study. The applicant plans to build on his previous work that characterized the enzymatic, and ultra-structural adaptations for diving that occur in the skeletal muscles of newly weaned, juvenile and adult Weddell seals. Study results will increase understanding of both the ontogeny and molecular mechanisms by which young seals acquire the physiological capabilities to make deep (up to 700 meters) and long aerobic dives (@ min.). The study will also advance knowledge of the molecular regulation for the adaptations that enable active skeletal muscle to function under hypoxic conditions, which has broader application for human medicine especially in regards to cardiac and pulmonary disease.

*Location:* McMurdo Sound sea ice.

*Dates:* October 1, 2005 to February 28, 2008.

**Permit Application No. 2006-016**

2. *Applicant:* Wayne Z. Trivelpiece, Antarctic Ecosystem Research Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Take, Enter an Antarctic Specially Protected Area, and Import into the United States. The applicant is continuing a study of the behavioral and population biology of the Adelie, gentoo, and chinstrap penguins and the interactions of these species and their principal avian predators: skuas, gulls, sheathbills, and giant petrels. Up to 500 each of Adelie and gentoo penguin chicks and adults will be banded. Up to 50 adult penguins per species will have radio-transmitters (Tx), satellite tags (PTTs), and time-depth recorders (TDRs) attached to continue the study of the penguins' foraging habits. Up to 40 adult penguins per species will have their stomachs pumped, and data will be collected on egg sizes and adult weights for a maximum of 100 nest per species. In addition, blood, tissue and uropigial gland oil will be collected for further study.

*Location:* Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island (ASPA #128) and Lion's Rump, King George Island (ASPA #151).

*Dates:* October 1, 2005 to April 1, 2010.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee (#16638)

*Dates/Time:* 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.—Tuesday, July 26, 2005. 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.—Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

*Place:* Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology, Univ. of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557-0088.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Kaye Shedlock, Program Director, EarthScope Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, (703) 292-4693.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education and outreach in the EarthScope Program.

*Agenda:* To provide advice on EarthScope Program measures of success, education and outreach plans, webpage development and other program issues.

Dated: June 21, 2005.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8905]

### Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for Rio Algom Mining, LLC

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert A. Nelson, Chief, Uranium Processing Section, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-7298 fax number: (301) 415-5955; e-mail: [ran@nrc.gov](mailto:ran@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an amendment to Materials License No. SUA-1475 issued to Rio Algom Mining, LLC (the licensee), to authorize the consolidating and transporting of materials associated with the lined evaporation ponds at its Ambrosia Lake facility near Grants, NM. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this amendment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The amendment will be issued following the publication of this Notice.

#### II. EA Summary

The proposed action is the relocation of the lined evaporation ponds (Section 4 Ponds and Pond 9) at the Ambrosia Lake facility. The action includes the consolidation and removal of byproduct material, transport of the material to the disposal site and disposal of material in accordance with NRC regulations.

In a letter dated November 1, 2004, Rio Algom Mining, LLC (Rio Algom)

submitted to the NRC, a *Closure Plan-Lined Evaporation Ponds (Relocation Plan)* for its Ambrosia Lake uranium mill facility. In a follow-up to the proposed plan, Rio Algom submitted, under letter dated January 28, 2005, a response to a request for additional information and a Revised Relocation Plan. Rio Algom requested that the Revised Relocation Plan be considered initially by NRC so that work can commence at the site. The staff has prepared the EA in support of the proposed license amendment. Staff considered impacts to the land surface, water, air, vegetation, public and worker health and safety, cultural resources, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. The staff found that the potential impacts of the proposed action are limited to the land surface and are temporary due to construction activities. The site Health, Safety and Environment Management System provides adequate assurances to control impacts to the environment. The proposed action will not result in adverse impacts to cultural and historic properties or impact any threatened or endangered species. The overall aesthetics of the area will improve.

#### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

#### IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are as follows:

Document	ADAMS accession No.	Date
Rio Algom Mining LLC, "Closure Plan-Lined Evaporation Ponds" .....	ML050240058	11/1/04
Rio Algom Mining LLC, "Response to Request for Additional Information for Closure Plan—Lined Evaporation Ponds at Rio Algom Mining LLC's Ambrosia Lake Facility" .....	ML050730258	1/28/05
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Letter to J. Caverly .....	ML042780480	9/20/04
State of New Mexico Environment Department Letter to G. Janosko .....	ML051570252	4/22/05
Rio Algom Mining, LLC, "Response to Request for Additional Information Concerning Environmental Review" .....	ML051670429	6/15/05
Environmental Assessment .....	ML051680226	6/17/05