

(ii) The potential hazard which would require wearing an SCSR and traveling the escapeway does not exist;

(iii) There is no hazard scenario where traveling the escapeway with an SCSR would be likely; and

(iv) The travel time on foot from the working face through the primary escapeway is less than fifteen minutes. The petitioners further state that, historically, fires in anthracite mines have not been a significant hazard, as a result of the low volatile matter of the coal, which is reflected in numerous granted petitions for modification relating to firefighting.

The petitioners propose to have each miner wear an SCSR correctly for one hour to give the full affect of proper usage when actually wearing the SCSR, because the petitioners believe that to train the miner with one SCSR is a safer act than to have multiple SCSRs without proper training and the miner will know how to use the SCSR in the event of an actual emergency. The petitioners also propose to have hand-held multi-gas detectors located at each working face and have the SCSR stored on the locomotive for the locomotive operator.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method for use of the SCSR would in no way provide less than the same measure of protection than that afforded the miners under the existing standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via E-mail to [Standards-Petitions@dol.gov](mailto:Standards-Petitions@dol.gov). Include "petitions for modification" in the subject line of the email. Comments can also be submitted by fax, regular mail, or hand-delivery. If faxing your comments, include "petitions for modification" on the subject line of the fax. Comments by regular mail or hand-delivery should be submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. If hand-delivered, you are required to stop by the 21st floor to check in with the receptionist. All comments must be postmarked or received by the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before November 6, 2006. Copies of the petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 29th day of September 2006.

#### Cherie A. Hutchison,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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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 Regulations. This is required notice of permit application received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 6, 2006. 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 established such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

##### Permit Application No. 2007-016

1. *Applicant:* David Hutchins, College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, 700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE 19958.

##### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Export and Introduce a Non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to introduce two (2) 100 ml vials each of *Phaeocystis Antarctica*, *Thalassiosira Antarctica*, *Parauonema sp.*, *Tyramimonas tychothreta*, *Paraphysomonas imperforate*,

*Geminigera cryophila*, *Mallomonas sp.*, *unidentified Antarctic marine bacterium*, and *Fragilaria sp.* to Antarctica for use during experiments onboard the *RVIB Nathaniel B. Palmer*. These marine phytoplankton will be used in shipboard experiments to study feeding rates of Antarctic protistan grazers. The cultures will be destroyed after use.

*Location:* Ross Sea, Antarctica.

*Dates:* October 20, 2006 to January 1, 2007.

##### Permit Application No. 2007-017

2. *Applicant:* Philip R. Kyle, Department of Earth & Environmental Science, NM Institute of Mining & Technology, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801.

##### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to use the hut at Cape Crozier (ASPA 124) and collect rock samples from Post Office Hill and The Knoll, all of which are within the Cape Crozier ASPA. The team does not plan to enter the penguin rookery.

*Location:* Cape Crozier, Ross Island (ASPA #124).

*Dates:* November 29, 2006 to January 30, 2007.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

##### Neighborworks® America; Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors; Sunshine Act

**TIME AND DATE:** 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

**PLACE:** 1325 G Street NW., Suite 800, Boardroom, Washington, DC 2005.

**STATUS:** Open.

##### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jeffrey T. Bryson, General Counsel/ Secretary, (202) 220-2372; [jbryson@nw.org](mailto:jbryson@nw.org).

##### AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of the Minutes.
- III. Summary Report of the Audit Committee.
- IV. Summary Report of the Finance, Budget and Program Committee.
- V. Summary Report of the Corporate Administration Committee.
- VI. Financial Report.
- VII. Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Management Report.
  - a. Strategic Plan Update.