

**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.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (2007-003) to Dr. Rennie S. Holt on December 26, 2006. The issued permit allows the applicant to census, tag, collect samples and instrument mammals (Antarctic Fur, Leopard, Southern Elephant, Ross, Weddell and Crabeater seals) and seabirds (Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, Cape Petrels, Giant Petrels, Brown Skuas, South Pole Skuas, Sheathbills, Kelp gulls, and Blue-eyed Shag).

The applicant requests a modification to his permit to collect a single whisker from each captured Fur or Leopard seal for measuring stable isotope ratios to infer trophic levels. Collection will occur while the animal is anesthetized for tagging or instrumentation.

*Location:* Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (including San Telmo islands), Seal Island and King George Island.

*Dates:* November 1, 2007 to April 30, 2011.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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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 September 27, 2007. 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.

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*Description of Permit Modification*

*Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (2007-007) to Dr. Markus Horning on October 12, 2006. The issued permit allows the applicant to restrain/immobilize up to 48 Weddell seals over a 2 year period, tag, collect samples and temporarily apply instrumentation.

The applicant requests modifications to his permit to:

(1) Pre-tag adult females >21 years (non-pregnant, non-lactating) only if they are encountered at a time when they cannot be properly instrumented (bad weather or all instruments already deployed). Pre-tagging would involve up to 2-6 adult females and would allow for easier tracking and location for further instrumentation.

(2) Increase the number of Weddell seals sampled from 48 to 60.

(3) Opportunistically collect and export to the U.S. up to 100 Weddell seal fecal samples for future assessment of the cumulative effect of research activities on Weddell seals, by way of analysis of stress hormone levels (corticosteroids).

(4) Enter the Cape Royds Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA 121) only on a contingency basis should a seal wander into the area and the applicant needs to retrieve an instrument package.

*Location:* McMurdo Sound sea ice.

*Dates:* October 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. Type of submission—new, revision, or extension: Extension.

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions, and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations."

3. The form number if applicable: N/A.

4. How often the collection is required: As necessary in order that adequate and timely reports of radiation exposure be made to individuals involved in NRC-licensed activities.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Licensees authorized to receive, possess, use, or transfer material licensed by the NRC.

6. An estimate of the number of annual responses: 4,906 responses (256 plus 4,650 recordkeepers).

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 4,650 licensees.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 35,674 hours (4,553 hours for reporting and 31,121 hours for recordkeeping).

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: N/A.

10. Abstract: Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 19, requires licensees to advise workers on an annual basis of any radiation exposure they may have received as a result of