

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:

1. *Permit Application No.:* 2008–023.

Applicant: Gary Hochman, NET Television (PBS), 1800 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Arrival Heights (ASPAs #122), Discovery Hut, Hut Point (ASPAs #158), Cape Royds (ASPAs #157), Cape Evans (ASPAs #155) and Cape Crozier (ASPAs #124) for the purpose of videotaping a variety of International Polar Year (IPY) scientific research, landscapes, aerials, and scenery for a broadcast on the PBS science series, NOVA.

Location

Arrival Heights (ASPAs #122), Discovery Hut, Hut Point (ASPAs #158), Cape Royds (ASPAs #157), Cape Evans (ASPAs #155) and Cape Crozier (ASPAs #124).

Dates: November 10, 2007 to January 20, 2008.

2. *Permit Application No.:* 2008–024.

Applicant: Geoff Haines-Stiles Productions, Inc., POLAR-PALOOZA, 27 Washington Valley Road, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter New College Valley, Cape Bird (ASPAs #116), Cape Royds (ASPAs #121), Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASPAs #157), Hut Point (ASPAs #158), Cape Crozier (ASPAs #124), Tramway Ridge, Mount Erebus (ASPAs #130), Canada Glacier, Lake Fryxell, Taylor Valley (ASPAs #131), and, Cape Evans (ASPAs #155) to videotape scientific research conducted at these sites. The footage will be used in a series of pod casts and web video materials on the International Polar Year (IPY).

Location

New College Valley, Cape Bird (ASPAs #116), Cape Royds (ASPAs #121), Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASPAs #157), Hut Point (ASPAs #158), Cape

Crozier (ASPAs #124), Tramway Ridge, Mount Erebus (ASPAs #130), Canada Glacier, Lake Fryxell, Taylor Valley (ASPAs #131), Cape Evans (ASPAs #155), Dry Valley ASMA 2 and South Pole Station.

Dates: November 12, 2007 to April 20, 2008.

3. *Permit Application No.:* 2008–025.

Applicant: Rennie S. Holt, Director, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, enter an Antarctic Specially Protected Area, and import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to capture up to 35 adult female Southern Elephant seals annually in order to tag, dye mark, take blood samples, weigh, take whisker, muscle and blubber samples, and instrument the animals with SRDL and VHF recorders and transmitters. The information and samples collected will be used to study the foraging behavior and habitat utilization of the Southern Elephant seals.

Location

Cape Shirreff and San Telmo Island, Livingston Island (ASPAs #149).

Dates: November 15, 2007 to April 30, 2011.

4. *Permit Application No.:* 2008–027.

Applicant: David Caron, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California, 3616 Trousdale Parkway, Los Angeles, CA 90089–0371.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and export from the U.S.A. The applicant wishes to bring *Gemingera sp.* (a cryptophyta micro alga), originally collected in Antarctica, back to Antarctica for use in experiments to quantify grazing on this cryptophyte. The applicant plans to use this alga in case the naturally occurring alga is not in high abundance in the Ross Sea. Experiments will be conducted onboard the Nathaniel B. Palmer during the Ross Sea cruise.

Location

Ross Sea.

Dates: December 15, 2007 to March 15, 2008.

5. *Permit Application No.:* 2008–028.

Applicant: Craig Tweedie, University of Texas at El Paso, 500 West University Avenue, 226 Biology Bldg., El Paso, TX 79968.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to collect small samples of lichens, moss, algae and vascular

plants (*Deschampsia sp.* and *Collobanthus sp.*) to meet the goals of an NSF funded International Polar Year (IPY) education grant. The applicant will provide a unique Antarctic field based education experience to minority majority undergraduate and graduate students and teachers. Students will be instructed in detail how to make collections in a manner that does not affect the aesthetics of the site, does not impact the experience of other tourists visiting Antarctica, and is performed in such a way to minimize the ecological footprint of the collection process.

Location

Various locations in the Antarctic Peninsula as selected by the Expedition Leader onboard the cruise ship.

Dates: November 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

6. *Permit Application No.:* 2008–029.

Applicant: David L. Barbeau, Jr., Department of Geological Sciences, University of South Carolina, 701 Sumter St., EWS 617, Columbia, SC 29208.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter and Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to enter the Mount Flora region (ASPAs #148) to collect bedrock (sandstone and mud rock) to constrain the age of opening of the Drake Passage in order to assess the influence of plate kinematics and ocean gateway development on Antarctic glaciations.

Location

Mount Flora (ASPAs #148), Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates: November 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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DATE: Weeks of October 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 22, 2007

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

9:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

a. Final Rule—Clarification of NRC Civil Penalty Authority Over Contractors and Subcontractors Who Discriminate Against Employees for Engaging in Protected Activities (RIN 3150-AH49) (Tentative).

b. Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC (Material License Application) (Tentative).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

9:30 a.m.
Periodic Briefing on New Reactor Issues, Part 1 (Public Meeting) (Contact: Roger Rihm, 301-415-7807).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

1:30 p.m.
Periodic Briefing on New Reactor Issues, Part 2 (Public Meeting) (Contact: Roger Rihm, 301-415-7807).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of October 29, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 29, 2007.

Week of November 5, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 5, 2007.

Week of November 12, 2007—Tentative

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Antonio Dias, 301-415-6805).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of November 19, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 19, 2007.

Week of November 26, 2007—Tentative

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3).

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Programs (Public Meeting) (Contact: Sandra Talley, 301-415-8059).

This meeting will be Web cast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

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Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

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Dated: October 18, 2007.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or

proposed to be issued from September 27, 2007, to October 10, 2007. The last biweekly notice was published on October 9, 2007 (72 FR 57352).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination. Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period should circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example in derating or shutdown of the facility. Should the Commission take action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. Should the Commission make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination,