

**Dates**

November 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

**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 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 September 22, 2008. 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

**Permit Application No. 2009-018**

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Director, Sustainable Development, Team Leader, Sustainable Coastal

Margins Program, Texas A&M University, 1112, College Station, TX 77843-1112.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 116—New College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, Ross Island, and ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island. These sites are specifically targeted because of the nature of their geology, climatic influences and topography. The applicant plans on sampling one site as a reference control area for the study of the temporal and spatial scales of various types of disturbances in and around McMurdo Station. In addition, a reconnaissance flight from Cape Roberts to Cape Chocolate to identify an additional reference control site will be made. The other sites, Arrival Heights (ASPA 122) and Hut Point (ASPA 158) have been sampled in past field seasons and are slated to be sampled as part of the ongoing environmental monitoring program.

**Location**

ASPA 116—New College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, Ross Island, and ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island.

**Dates**

November 17, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Draft Regulatory Guide: Granting Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Granting of Request To Extend the Comment Period of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1200, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Drouin, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 415-6675 or e-mail to [Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov](mailto:Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment DG-1200, which was published in the **Federal Register**, 73 FR 35170, on June 20, 2008. DG-1200 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.200 in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

**II. Further Information**

The NRC staff requested receipt of comments on DG-1200 by August 25, 2008, (including any implementation schedule) and its associated regulatory analysis or value/impact statement. By this action, the NRC staff is extending the comment period until September 24, 2008. Comments received after September 24, 2008, would be considered if practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

**III. Request To Extend the Comment Period****Basis for the Request**

The NRC received the following extension request:

"There is currently work underway by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) to address many fundamental issues with the Joint ASME/American Nuclear Society (ANS) PRA [probabilistic risk assessment] Standard, many of which are items likely identified in the current RG revision. These changes are identified as Addendum A to the ASME/ANS Joint PRA Standard." "ASME is currently balloting these changes for approval, with a closure of the ballot in late August 2008. Once balloted and approved, these changes to the Joint Standard will be made available to the general public. Availability of such information will be important for the public to make an informed review of the draft RG 1.200, Revision 2. As a result of this schedule mismatch, the PWROG [pressurized water reactor owners' group] requests that the review period for the draft RG 1.200, Revision 2 be extended to allow the industry to integrate the findings and conclusions of the ASME/ANS Joint PRA Standard revisions in preparing an informed review. The