discounting nominal flows, which are

often encountered in lease-purchase analysis.

NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

[In percent]

3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10-Year	20-Year	30-Year
2.3	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.4	4.5

Real Discount Rates. A forecast of real interest rates from which the inflation premium has been removed and based

on the economic assumptions from the 2011 Budget is presented below. These real rates are to be used for discounting

constant-dollar flows, as is often required in cost-effectiveness analysis.

REAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

([In percent]

3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10-Year	20-Year	30-Year
0.9	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.7

Analyses of programs with terms different from those presented above may use a linear interpolation. For example, a four-year project can be evaluated with a rate equal to the average of the three-year and five-year rates. Programs with durations longer than 30 years may use the 30-year interest rate.

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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 January 19, 2010. 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. 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 a 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 (2009–014) to Dr. Douglas P. Nowacek, Duke University on January 7, 2009. The issued permit allows the applicant to tag up to 100 Humpback and Minke whales each.

The applicant requests to collect skin and blubber samples from an additional 100 Humpback and Minke whales each. Samples will be used to determine genetic stock structure of the animals sampled as well as individual genetic identification and sex determination. Skin samples will also be collected to stable isotope analysis that provides information on the diet composition of individual whales.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula waters. *Dates:* January 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs. [FR Doc. E9–29979 Filed 12–16–09; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7555-01–P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos.: 70-7003, 70-7004; NRC-2009-0177]

USEC, Inc.; American Centrifuge Plant; American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility; Notice of Withdrawal of License Transfer Application and Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Conforming Amendment

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted a request from USEC Inc. (USEC) to withdraw its February 10, 2009 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML090850065), request for written consent to transfer control of Material Licenses SNM-7003 and SNM-2011 (American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility [LCF] and American Centrifuge Plant [ACP], respectively) from USEC to a subsidiary limited liability company (LLC) under the provisions of 10 Code of Regulations (CFR) 70.36. The request was supplemented by letters dated June 12, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML091670085, Supplement to Request for Written Consent to Transfer of Licenses), and June 17, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML091970393, Draft **Financial Assurance Instrument** Associated with Request for Transfer of Licenses).

Under their request, USEC proposed to modify its existing corporate structure and requested NRC consent to transfer control of Material Licenses SNM–7003 and SNM–2011 from USEC Inc. to the subsidiary American Centrifuge Operating, LLC. In addition,