

collection requirements contained in the Asbestos in Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.1101). The Agency is requesting a burden hour adjustment from 4,957,804 to 4,929,794 hours, an adjustment decrease of 28,010 hours. Based upon review of data, the number of employers affected by the Standard decreased from 1.27 to 1.24 million.

The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Asbestos in Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.1101).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0134.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 249,534.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Responses:* 48,469,358

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response ranges from 5 minutes (.08 hour) to maintain records to 1.67 hours to complete a medical examination.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 4,929,794 hours.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$28,816,390.

#### IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

(1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0002). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (877) 889-5627.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

#### V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 4-2010 (75 FR 55355).

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 20, 2012.

**David Michaels,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541. 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 February 24, 2012. 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:** Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

**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.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:*

Charles D. Amsler, Jr., Department of Biology, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL 35294-1170.

*Permit Application:* 2012-012.

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to take from the Palmer Station area approximately 20 brown marine algae, 30 green marine algae, 10 red marine algae, and 10 diatom marine algae to sublimate cultures of filamentous Antarctic macroalgae and diatoms previously isolated in culture but require additional strains, particularly of filamentous green algal endophytes for future study. The applicant will use these samples to understand the interactions of epiphytic and endophytic algae (both filamentous macroalgae and diatoms) with larger macroalgae and with mesoherbivores such as amphipods. The cultures will be maintained at the home university.

*Location:* Palmer Station, Anvers Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* April 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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