

- an old-to-new crosswalk covering the entire old GRS;
- six FAQ documents (general; about the GRS update project; about the impact of the new GRS on agencies; about agency options for deviating from the GRS; about notification to NARA regarding using previously approved agency schedules in lieu of a new GRS; and about flexible dispositions attached to many new GRS items); and
- a checklist for implementing the new GRS, to assist agencies in completing all the actions this transmittal requires.

**What changes has NARA made to the GRS with this transmittal?**

- GRS Transmittal 24 publishes five new schedules:
- GRS 2.5 Employee Separation Records (DAA-GRS-2014-0004)
  - GRS 2.8 Employee Ethics Records (DAA-GRS-2014-0005)
  - GRS 4.1 Records Management Records (DAA-GRS-2013-0002)
  - GRS 4.2 Information Access and Protection Records (DAA-GRS-2013-0007; DAA-GRS-2015-0002)
  - GRS 6.2 Federal Advisory Committee Records (DAA-GRS-2015-0001)

These schedules replace portions of old GRS 1, 2, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27.

The most obvious changes are in format:

*Schedule Numbers*

Old GRS: Simple succession: 1, 2, 3, etc.  
 New GRS: Decimal: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.

*Item Numbers*

Old GRS: Alpha-numeric hierarchy, for instance 1a1, 1a2, 2a1a, 2a2b.  
 New GRS: Three digits, for instance 010, 020, 030. Closely related items sharing some description in common are numbered in immediate succession, such as 030, 031, 032, etc.

*Layout*

Old GRS: Narrative paragraphs. Read “down” to go from records description to disposition.

New GRS: Table. Read “across” to go from records description to records disposition.

*Subject index*

Old GRS: Index, last updated in 2008, is not thorough, and mainly useful to paper format.

New GRS: No index. Citations to new GRS items are not included in the

current index, which will be phased out over time. Search for key words in pdf file instead.

Because we are phasing in the entire change from old to new GRS gradually over five years, the GRS during this interim period will necessarily include both old and new formats. New schedules (decimal numbers, table format) come first in the new transmittal, followed by the old schedules (“straight” numbers, narrative format) annotated to show which items are still current and which have been superseded by new schedules. With GRS Transmittal 24, we have superseded 37 percent of the old GRS by new schedules.

**Which GRS items does GRS Transmittal 24 supersede?**

New GRS items supersede many old GRS items. A few old items, however, have outlived their usefulness and cannot be cross-walked to new items. Therefore, we rescinded these items by GRS Transmittal 23. The FAQs for the new schedules to which rescinded items are most closely related provide explanations of why we rescinded the items.

GRS	Items	Title	FAQ in which discussed
2	9a	Record of employee leave, such as SF 1150, prepared upon transfer or separation	2.5
14	11b	FOIA requests files: Official file copy of requested records	4.2
14	12b	FOIA appeals files: Official file copy of requested records	4.2
14	21b	Privacy Act requests files: Official file copy of requested records	4.2
14	31b	Mandatory review for declassification requests files: Official file copy of requested records	4.2
14	32b	Mandatory review for declassification appeals files: Official file copy of requested records	4.2
16	4a	Records holdings files held by offices that prepare reports on agency-wide records holdings.	4.1
16	4b	Records holdings files held by other offices	4.1
18	25b	Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreements maintained in OPFs	4.2
26	2b2	FACA web site design, management, and technical operation records	6.2
26	3	Committee Records Not Maintained by the Sponsor or Secretariat	6.2

The old-to-new crosswalk shows rescinded items in context of their schedules.

**How do I cite new GRS items?**

When you send records to a Federal Records Center for storage, you should cite the records’ legal authority—the “DAA” number—in the “Disposition Authority” column of the table. For informal purposes, please include schedule and item number. For example, “DAA-GRS-2013-0001-0004 (GRS 4.3, item 020).”

**Do I have to take any action to implement these GRS changes?**

NARA regulations (36 CFR 1226.12(a)) require agencies to

disseminate GRS changes within six months of receipt.

Per 36 CFR 1227.12(a)(1), you must follow GRS dispositions that state they must be followed without exception.

Per 36 CFR 1227.12(a)(3), if you have an existing schedule that differs from a new GRS item that does *not* require being followed without exception, and you wish to continue using your agency-specific authority rather than the GRS authority, you must notify NARA within 120 days of the date of this transmittal.

If you do not have an already existing agency-specific authority but wish to apply a retention period that differs from that specified in the GRS, you must create a records schedule in the

Electronic Records Archives and submit it to NARA for approval.

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**David S. Ferriero,**  
*Archivist of the United States.*

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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, Public Law 95-541.

**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. 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 17, 2015. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Li Ling Hamady, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov) or (703) 292-7149.

**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.

#### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2016-005*

1. *Applicant* Allyson Hindle, Massachusetts General Hospital, 55 Fruit Street, Thier 505, Boston MA 02114.

#### *Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Take, Import into the USA. The applicant plans to study the tissue specific dive response of Weddell seals, looking at nitric oxide regulation. The study's broad objective is to better understand the natural adaptations that allow Weddell seals to control their cardiovascular system and tolerate extreme hypoxia during dives. Up to 38 Weddell seals would be temporary restrained for sample collection and morphological measurement. In addition, the applicant plans to salvage parts of dead animals encountered.

Collected samples will be imported to the USA for lab analyses.

#### *Location*

Delbridge Islands, Turks Head, Turtle Rock, Hutton Cliffs, Erebus Glacier Tongue, and in and around McMurdo Sound.

#### *Dates*

September 30, 2015–April 30, 2016

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#### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2016-006*

1. *Applicant* Angela L. Sremba, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, 2030 SE. Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365.

#### *Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Take, Import into USA. The applicant intends to collect bone samples from Antarctic blue whale remains at abandoned whaling stations and bays in the South Shetland Islands and sites along the Antarctic Peninsula, while based aboard a commercial tour ship. These samples will be used for genetic analyses to determine genetic diversity and population dynamics of Antarctic blue whales prior to their commercial exploitation throughout the 20th century. Samples will be sent back to the USA for analysis.

#### *Location*

South Shetland Islands, sites along Antarctic Peninsula.

#### *Dates*

October 1, 2015–October 1, 2020

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NRC will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) on October 8-9, 2015. A sample of agenda items to be discussed during the public session includes: (1) A discussion on training and experience for alpha and beta emitters; (2) a discussion on Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) section 35.1000 licensing guidance for the use of iodine-125 and palladium-103 seeds for localization of non-palpable lesions; (3) a presentation on the proposed revisions to the 10 CFR 35.1000 licensing guidance for Yttrium-90 microspheres brachytherapy; (4) a status update on the decommissioning funding plan requirements for