

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act****AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

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 October 23, 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 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details:

Permit Application: 2016-009

1. *Applicant* Tehnuka Ilanko, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque NM.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

ASP entry; The applicant desires to access Tramway Ridge, on Mt. Erebus, Ross Island, which is protected by ASPA 175 High Altitude Geothermal Sites of the Ross Sea Region. Applicant wishes to conduct gas sampling of gases emitted from vents in order to characterize the subsurface conditions and gas emissions of Tramway Ridge to

better understand processes behind flank degassing and possible interactions between magmatic and hydrothermal systems. Samples will be collected in glass bottles via a sterilized hollow stainless steel rod inserted into a degassing vent, with a pump used to extract the gases into an accumulation chamber.

Location

ASP 175, High Altitude Geothermal Sites of the Ross Sea Region: Tramway Ridge, Mt. Erebus, Ross Island.

Dates

November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2017.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

[FR Doc. 2015-24176 Filed 9-22-15; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7555-01-P

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act****AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

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 671 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 October 23, 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 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details:

Permit Application: 2016-007

1. *Applicant* John McKeon, President, Polar Latitudes, Inc., 857 Post Road, #366, Fairfield, CT 06825.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Type, description of activity

Location

Waste Permit;

For Coastal Camping: The applicant seeks permission for no more than 30 campers and two expedition staff to camp overnight at select locations for a maximum of 10 hours ashore. Camping would be away from vegetated sites and >150m from wildlife concentrations or lakes, protected areas, historical sites, and scientific stations. Tents would be pitched on snow, ice, or bare smooth rock, at least 15m from the high water line. No food would be brought onshore and all wastes, including human waste, would be collected and returned to the ship for proper disposal. The applicant is seeking a Waste Permit to cover any accidental releases that may result from camping. For UAV Filming: The applicant wishes to fly small, battery operated, remotely controlled copters equipped with a cameras to take scenic photos and film of the Antarctic. The UAVs would not be flown over concentrations of birds or mammals or over Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The UAVs would only be flown by operators with extensive experience (>20 hours), who are pre-approved by the Expedition Leader. Several measures would be taken to prevent against loss of the UAV including painting the them a highly visible color; only flying when the wind is less than 25 knots; flying for only 15 minutes at a time to preserve battery life; having prop guards on propeller tips, a flotation device if operated over water, and a "go home" feature in case of loss of control link or low battery; having an observer on the lookout for wildlife, people, and other hazards; and ensuring that the separation between the operator and UAV does not exceed an operational range of 500 meters. The applicant is seeking a Waste Permit to cover any accidental releases that may result from flying a UAV.

Location

Camping: Possible locations include Damoy Point/Dorian Bay, Danco Island, Rongé Island, the Errera Channel, Paradise Bay (including Almirante Brown/Base Brown or Skontorp Cove), the Argentine Islands, Andvord Bay, Pleneau Island, the Argentine Islands, Hovgaard Island, Orne Harbour, Leith Cove, Prospect Point and Portal Point.

UAV filming: Western Antarctic Peninsula region

Dates

October 30, 2015 to March 19, 2016.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

[FR Doc. 2015-24177 Filed 9-22-15; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7555-01-P

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**Notice of Public Forum**

On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene a forum titled *Humans and Hardware: Preventing Inflight Loss of Control in General Aviation*. The forum will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is open to all. Attendance is free, and no registration is required. NTSB Board Member Earl F. Weener will serve as the presiding officer of the forum. Invited panelists will include representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration, researchers, and industry and advocacy groups.

Below is the preliminary agenda.

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

1. Opening Statement by Member Weener
2. Staff Presentation on Loss of Control Statistics
3. Presentations on *Industry and Government Perspectives and Actions*
4. Questions from Member Weener and the Technical Panel
5. Presentations on *Human Performance and Medical Issues*
6. Questions from Member Weener and the Technical Panel
7. Presentations on *Pilot Training Solutions*
8. Questions from Member Weener and the Technical Panel
9. Presentations on *Equipment and Technology Solutions*
10. Questions from Member Weener and the Technical Panel
11. Open Discussion
12. Closing Statement by Member Weener

Unless otherwise noted, the forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC. The public can view the forum in person or via live webcast at www.nts.gov. Webcast archives are generally available by the end of the day after the forum, and webcasts are archived for 3 months after the date of the event.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation and/or wheelchair access directions should contact Rochelle Hall at (202) 314-6305 or by email at Rochelle.Hall@ntsb.gov by Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

NTSB Media Contact: Peter Knudson-peter.knudson@ntsb.gov.

NTSB Forum Manager: Dr. Kristi Dunks-kristi.dunks@ntsb.gov.

Candi R. Bing,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 2015-24143 Filed 9-22-15; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0001]

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

DATE: September 21, 2015.

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

STATUS: Public

Week of September 21, 2015

Thursday, September 24, 2015

9:30 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the New Reactors Business Line (Public Meeting); (Contact: Donna Williams: 301-415-1322)

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The meeting on Strategic Programmatic Overview of the New Reactors Business Line scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015 has been changed to begin at 10:00 a.m.

* * * * *

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Glenn Ellmers at 301-415-0442 or via email at Glenn.Ellmers@nrc.gov.

* * * * *

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet

at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

* * * * *

The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings, or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g. braille, large print), please notify Kimberly Meyer, NRC Disability Program Manager, at 301-287-0727, by videophone at 240-428-3217, or by email at Kimberly.Meyer-Chambers@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

* * * * *

Members of the public may request to receive this information electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969), or email

Brenda.Akstulewicz@nrc.gov or Patricia.Jimenez@nrc.gov.

Dated: September 21, 2015.

Glenn Ellmers,

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2015-24298 Filed 9-21-15; 4:15 pm]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD**Board Meeting**

October 20-21, 2015—The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold an international technical workshop on the potential deep borehole disposal of high-level radioactive waste.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, and in accordance with its mandate to review the technical and scientific validity of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) activities related to implementing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (NWPA), the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold an international technical workshop on Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, 2015, to evaluate technical and scientific issues associated with the potential use of deep boreholes to dispose of some radioactive wastes. The workshop is open to the public and there is no charge for attendance.

In June 2015, the Board issued a report: *Evaluation of Technical Issues*