

Application Details*Permit Application: 2017-038*

1. *Applicant:* Robert B Dunbar, Keck Professor of Earth Sciences, Earth Systems Science, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-2115.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Waste Management. The applicant proposes to conduct waste management activities associated with the operation of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) in the Antarctic Peninsula region. The applicant is seeking this waste management permit in the unlikely event that the aircraft is lost and deemed unrecoverable during the conduct of the science missions. The applicant proposes to conduct a small number of aerial camera missions with a small UAS/quadcopter (DJI Phantom 4) to collect imagery along the fronts of floating ice tongues and tidewater glaciers. The pilot/operator has experience conducting similar UAS operations in cold and polar regions. Strict maintenance protocols will be adhered to and flight planning/mission will take place. The UAS will be launched from small inflatable watercraft, *e.g.* Zodiacs, either from the "floor" of the craft or using a handheld take-off method. Flights will last a maximum of 28 minutes and will be planned to maintain a 25% battery reserve upon landing. Flights will not be conducted over or near Antarctic Specially Protected Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments. If flights are planned for areas in the vicinity of scientific stations, the applicant will seek permission from station managers. There will be no flights over or near wildlife colonies, marine mammals at sea, or concentrations of flying birds. Biosecurity measures will be followed. The activities will be conducted during a cruise with Zegrahm Expeditions.

Location

Antarctic Peninsula region

Dates

January 15-30, 2017

Nadene G. Kennedy,*Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.*

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BILLING CODE 7555-01-P**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee Meeting Notice**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) (TELECON).

Date and Time: February 24, 2017; 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. EDT Teleconference.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 1005, Stafford I, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 (TELECONFERENCE).

Type of Meeting: Open. Attendance information for the meeting will be forthcoming on the Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp>.

Contact Person: Dr. James Ulvestad, Division Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-7165.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

Agenda: To provide updates on agency activities and to discuss the Committee's draft annual report due 15 March 2017.

Dated: December 12, 2016.

Crystal Robinson,*Committee Management Officer.*

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BILLING CODE 7555-01-P**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Sunshine Act Meeting; National Science Board**

The National Science Board's Committee on Audit and Oversight, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: December 21, 2016 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. EST.

SUBJECT MATTER: (1) Committee Chair's opening remarks; (2) Discussion of the audit resolution process at NSF.

STATUS: Closed.

This meeting will be held by teleconference at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Please refer to the National Science Board Web site www.nsf.gov/nsb for additional information. Meeting information and updates (time, place, subject or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp>. Point of contact for this meeting is: Ann Bushmiller, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7000.

Chris Blair,*Executive Assistant to the NSB Office.*

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BILLING CODE 7555-01-P**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 052-00027 and 052-00028; NRC-2008-0441]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and South Carolina Public Service Authority; Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3; Passive Core Cooling System Condensate Return

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment and exemption to Combined Licenses (NPF-93 and NPF-94), issued to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) (the licensee); for construction and operation of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

DATES: Submit comments by January 17, 2017. Requests for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2008-0441. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For