

this RFI will have no competitive advantage in receiving any awards related to the submitted input on a potential space weather-related research priority.

**Confidential Information:** Some contents of the submissions may be made public. Therefore, responses must be unclassified and should not contain any information that might be considered proprietary, confidential, business sensitive, or personally identifying (such as home address or social security number).

**Instructions:** One page documents per topic, multiple documents are allowed. Responses must include the following sections: (1) Title—short and descriptive, (2) Brief Summary of Impacts—a bulleted list of systems impacted by the potential study, (3) Description—a succinct discussion of the topic, its importance, and relevant supporting evidence or arguments, (4) 5–10 year Imperatives—a bulleted list of the steps necessary to carry out the research including comments on relative importance to other. A section including references can be added if needed. Responses should follow the template outlined below. Responses may be no longer than 1 page type written in 12-point font.

#### Response Template

Title of the priority

Brief Summary of Impacts

- One sentence summary of impact 1
- One sentence summary of impact 2

Background and Relevance

A few paragraphs explaining the background of the space weather research priority, its relevance to SWAP Goal 5.5.1 and supporting justification of why this is a high priority issue.

5–10 Year Goals

Over the next 5 to 10 years it is imperative to:

- One sentence summary of goal 1
- One sentence summary of goal 2

References

Include essential references only

#### References:

National Space Weather Strategy, [https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/final\\_nationalspaceweatherstrategy\\_20151028.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/final_nationalspaceweatherstrategy_20151028.pdf).

National Space Weather Action Plan, [https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/final\\_nationalspaceweatheractionplan\\_20151028.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/final_nationalspaceweatheractionplan_20151028.pdf).

Dated: January 2, 2018

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**  
*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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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.

**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 in 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 5, 2018. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–8030, or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 670), 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: 2018–030*

1. *Applicant:* Sarah Eppley, Portland State University, Department of Biology, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207.

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), sample collection and import into the USA. The applicant proposes to collect moss and soil samples from ASPAs to investigate how warming will affect Antarctic moss terrestrial ecosystems. Moss and soil samples, up to 3 cm deep, would be collected using a metal 2 cubic centimeter coring device. Up to 180 samples total from each of seven different moss species and up to 400 total soil samples will be collected. Sample collection would require access to APSA in the South Shetland Islands. The samples would be imported back to the home university.

#### Location

ASPAs 125, Fildes Peninsula, King George Island, including Zone 125c, Glacier Dome Belligshausen (Collins Glacier); ASPA 150, Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 126, Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island.

#### Dates of Permitted Activities

January 30–June 30, 2018.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2018–0001]

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**DATES:** Weeks of January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 2018.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### Week of January 8, 2018

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 8, 2018.

#### Week of January 15, 2018—Tentative

*Thursday, January 18, 2018*

9:00 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste and Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Business Lines (Public Meeting) (Contact: Damaris Marciano: 301–415–7328)

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

**Week of January 22, 2018—Tentative**

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hearing on Construction Permit for Northwest Medical Isotopes Production Facility: Section 189a of the Atomic Energy Act Proceeding (Public Meeting) (Contact: Michael Balazik: 301-415-2856)

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

Thursday, January 25, 2018

10:00 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/>.

**Week of January 29, 2018—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 29, 2018.

**Week of February 5, 2018—Tentative**

Thursday, February 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. Discussion of Potential Changes to the 10 CFR 2.206 Enforcement Petition Process (Public Meeting) (Contact: Doug Broadus: 301-415-8124)

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

**Week of February 12, 2018—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 12, 2018.

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The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Denise McGovern at 301-415-0681 or via email at [Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov](mailto:Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov).

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Dated: January 3, 2018.

**Denise L. McGovern,**

*Policy Coordinator Office of the Secretary.*

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**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

**PLACE:** The Commission's National Office at One Lafayette Centre, 1120 20th Street NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3457.

**STATUS:** This oral argument will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission will be hearing oral argument in the case of *Secretary of Labor v. Kiewit Power Constructors Co.*, Docket No. 11-2395.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** John X. Cerveney, Executive Secretary, (202) 606-5400.

**John X. Cerveney,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36156]

**Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad Company—Lease Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Wisconsin Central Ltd.**

Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad Company (CSS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) and operate approximately 5.64 miles of the City Industrial Track (CIT) in Gary, Ind., between milepost 1.21 and milepost 6.85.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> CSS states that the CIT is a line of railroad, and not ancillary (industrial) trackage. However,

According to CSS, the lease and related switching agreement between CSS and WCL were entered into on November 14, 2017.<sup>2</sup> As required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1), CSS has disclosed in its verified notice that the lease agreement contains an interchange commitment, which affects CSS's ability to interchange traffic with carriers other than WCL. CSS has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h). CSS states that it will operate the track it is leasing.

CSS certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in CSS's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. However, because its projected annual revenues exceed \$5 million, CSS states that it provided notice on November 22, 2017, pursuant to the labor notice requirements of 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

CSS states that it intends to consummate the lease agreement on or after January 21, 2018, the effective date of the exemption.<sup>3</sup>

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 12, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and ten copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36156, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Nardi, Transport Counsel PC, 1900 M Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "[www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov)."

Decided: January 2, 2018.

According to CSS, the subject CIT lease transaction also involves ancillary track not subject to the Board's entry licensing requirements, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10906.

<sup>2</sup> CSS filed a confidential version of the lease and related switching agreement with its notice of exemption to be kept confidential by the Board under 49 CFR 1104.14(a) without the need for the filing of an accompanying motion for protective order under 49 CFR 1104.14(b). See 49 CFR 1150.43(h).

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), the exemption may not become effective until 60 days from CSS's November 22, 2017 certification.