

Falls, Taylor Valley, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Victoria Land.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* October 31—December 31, 2019.

*Permit Application:* 2020–008

3. *Applicant:* Robert Sanders, Department of Biology, Temple University, 1900 N 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Introduce Non-indigenous Species into Antarctica. The applicant would use cultures of the bacteria as a food source during a study of Antarctic mixotrophic phytoplankton aboard the research vessel Nathaniel B. Palmer. The bacterial culture is a non-pathogenic marine species (*Photobacterium angustum*) obtained from American Type Culture Collection. This bacterial species would be used as it has been shown to have the ability to incorporate a thymidine substitute that can be used to identify which phytoplankton have ingested the bacteria. The feeding experiments would be conducted in sealed plastic containers kept isolated from the environment. At the conclusion of the experiments, any sample or culture remaining, including filtered seawater, would be destroyed by autoclaving on the ship. Supplies and equipment would be sterilized at the end of each experiment by autoclaving or using ethanol. The applicant and permit agents are experienced in using sterile techniques and in maintaining safe practices with microbial cultures.

*Location:* West Antarctic Peninsula region.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* November 1–December 28, 2019.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources; Notice of Meeting

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:* Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (#1119)

*Date and Time:* October 29, 2019; 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Alexandria—Carlyle, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314

To attend the meeting in person, all visitors must contact the Directorate for Education and Human Resources at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. All visitors must access NSF via the Visitor Center entry adjacent to the south building entrance on Eisenhower Avenue on the day of the meeting to receive a visitor's badge. It is suggested that visitors allow time to pass through security screening.

*Type of Meeting:* Open

*Contact Person:* Keaven M. Stevenson, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room C11001, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 292–8600/[kstevens@nsf.gov](mailto:kstevens@nsf.gov)

*Summary of Minutes:* Minutes and meeting materials will be available on the EHR Advisory Committee website at <http://www.nsf.gov/ehr/advisory.jsp> or can be obtained from Dr. Nafeesa Owens, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Room C11045, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 292–8600; [nowens@nsf.gov](mailto:nowens@nsf.gov).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice with respect to the Foundation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and human resources programming.

### Agenda

#### Morning Sessions

- Remarks from the EHR Advisory Committee Chair and EHR Assistant Director
- Federal STEM Education 5-Year Strategic Plan
- NSF BIG IDEAS
- Revisiting EHR's Strategic Revisioning Report

#### Afternoon Sessions

- EHR AC Subcommittee Updates
- EHR Response to Graduate Education AC Subcommittee Report
- Discussion with Chief Operating Officer, F. Fleming Crim

Final agenda can be located at the EHR AC website: <https://www.nsf.gov/ehr/advisory.jsp>

Dated: September 13, 2019.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request received and permit issued.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated and permits issued 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 a requested permit modification and permit issued.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8224; email: [ACAPermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACAPermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation (NSF), 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 a requiring special protection.

On November 3, 2015, the National Science Foundation issued an Antarctic Conservation Act permit to Michael J. Polito for take, import into the USA, export from the USA, and entry into Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The permit holder and his agents are permitted to collect sediments and organic remains from active and abandoned penguin colonies and to collect feather samples from gentoo, chinstrap, and Adelie penguins. The permit holder and agents are also permitted to enter ASPAs in the South Orkney Islands, the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula regions, the Ross Sea region, the Victoria Land Coast, the McMurdo Station area, and East Antarctica, as listed in the issued permit.

A recent modification of the permit, dated November 3, 2017, allowed the salvage whole or partial specimens of native Antarctic birds and whole eggs that are found non-viable on beaches and at bird colonies. All specimens would be imported into the USA for identification and analysis. The ultimate disposition of the specimens would be at academic institutions or museums.

Now the permit holder proposes a permit modification to extend the expiration date of the permit until August 31, 2020.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

The permit modification was issued on September 12, 2019.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IA-18-040; NRC-2019-0172]

### Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Order; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an Order prohibiting involvement in NRC-licensed activities to Mr. Thomas Summers. The NRC determined that Mr. Thomas Summers engaged in deliberate misconduct that caused Florida Power & Light to be in violation of 10 CFR 50.7, "Employee protection," and 10 CFR 50.9, "Completeness and accuracy of information."

**DATES:** The Order prohibiting involvement in NRC-licensed activities was issued on September 12, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0172 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0172. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The Order is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19234A336.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at

the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Jones, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-287-9525, email: [david.jones@nrc.gov](mailto:david.jones@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the Order is attached.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of September 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**George A. Wilson,**

*Director, Office of Enforcement.*

### Attachment—Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities United States of America Nuclear Regulatory Commission

In the Matter of Thomas Summers

IA-18-040

#### Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities

##### I.

Thomas Summers was employed as Regional Vice President—Operations and then as Corporate Support Vice President at NextEra Energy's Florida Power & Light (FPL). NextEra/FPL holds St. Lucie Unit 1 and 2 License Nos. DPR-67 and NPF-16 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), on March 1, 1976 and April 6, 1983. The license authorizes the operation of St. Lucie Nuclear Plant (facility) in accordance with the conditions specified therein. The facility is located on the Licensee's site in Jensen Beach, Florida.

##### II.

Two investigations were conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) related to FPL's St. Lucie Nuclear Plant. The purposes of the investigations were to determine whether a contract employee at St. Lucie Nuclear Plant was the subject of employment discrimination in violation of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.7, "Employee protection" (OI Report No. 2-2017-024); and to determine whether a FPL senior licensee executive, or potentially others, deliberately provided the NRC with incomplete and inaccurate information in violation of 10 CFR 50.9, "Completeness and accuracy of information" (OI Report No. 2-2019-009). On August 24, 2015,

For OI Report No. 2-2017-024, NRC determined that Mr. Thomas Summers, as the former FPL Regional Vice President (VP)—Operations, deliberately cancelled a contract employee's assignment during the week of March 13, 2017. The cancellation occurred, in part, because the contract employee entered a concern into St. Lucie's corrective action program on March 13, 2017.

In a letter dated October 19, 2018, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18283B007, the NRC notified Mr. Thomas Summers of an apparent violation of 10 CFR 50.5, "Deliberate misconduct", which the NRC was considering for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. This rule prohibits an employee or contractor of an NRC licensee (FPL) from engaging in deliberate misconduct that causes an NRC licensee to be in violation of any rule, regulation, or order; or any term, condition, or limitation of a license issued by the Commission. In the letter, the NRC requested your participation in a predecisional enforcement conference (PEC) to address the apparent violation. On February 6, 2019, the NRC held a PEC at the NRC Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland, with Mr. Thomas Summers and his attorney to discuss the apparent violation.

OI's investigation documented that Mr. Thomas Summers, as the former FPL Regional VP—Operations sent an email to the Framatome VP of Outage Services on March 14, 2017. The body of your email included the text of the condition report that was submitted by the contract employee on March 13, 2017, and a related question regarding the condition report. The evidence documented that Mr. Thomas Summers and the Framatome VP acknowledged the sending, and the receipt, of the March 14th email. Additionally, the evidence indicated that you initiated a subsequent phone discussion on March 14th with the Framatome VP of Outage Services which included discussing the contract employee's reassignment to Turkey Point Nuclear Plant. The temporal proximity of the individual's submission of the condition report and the initiation of the adverse action by Mr. Summers, an FPL executive was deemed a discriminatory act.

During the PEC Mr. Thomas Summers denied violating 10 CFR 50.5, "Deliberate misconduct", and denied that FPL violated 10 CFR 50.7, "Employee protection." Generally, Mr. Thomas Summers asserted that the protected activity was not a contributing factor to any adverse personnel action