

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

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.

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.

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.