

Permit No. 2021-004

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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 671), 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.

NSF issued a permit (ACA 2016-020) to Laura K.O. Smith, Owner, Operator Quixote Expeditions, on December 23, 2015. The issued permit allows the permit holder to conduct waste management activities associated with the operation of the "Ocean Tramp," a reinforced ketch rigged sailing yacht in the Antarctic Peninsula region. Activities to be conducted by Quixote include: Passenger landings, hiking, photography, wildlife viewing, and possible station visits.

A modification to this permit, dated November 22, 2017, permitted coastal camping activities in select locations and resupply of fresh food to the Quixote Expeditions vessel as part of fly/cruise operations. Another modification, dated November 6, 2018, allowed the permit holder to add a

second vessel to support Quixote Expeditions activities, to conduct ship-to-ship fuel transfers, to release comminuted food waste (excepting poultry) at sea, and to operate a remotely piloted aircraft for educational and commercial purposes. A recent modification to this permit, dated November 20, 2019, permitted the conduct waste management activities similar to prior seasons during the 2019-2020 field season.

On September 17, 2020, the permit holder submitted an update of provided NSF an update based on planned activities for the 2020-2021 field season and to request an extension of the permit expiration date. Quixote's proposed activities are similar as those detailed in the original permit and earlier modifications. The Environmental Officer has reviewed the modification request and has determined that the amendment is not a material change to the permit, and it will have a less than a minor or transitory impact.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* September 23, 2020-March 30, 2021.

The permit modification was issued on September 23, 2020.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-440; NRC-2020-0188]

### Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp.; Energy Harbor Nuclear Generation LLC; Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-58, issued to Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp. (EHNC) and Energy Harbor Nuclear Generation LLC, for operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (PNPP), located near Lake Erie in Lake County, Ohio. The proposed action would amend the expiration of Facility Operating License No. NPF-58 from March 18, 2026, to November 7, 2026. Specifically, the expiration date of PNPP's full-power operating license (FPOL) would be revised such that it would expire 40 years from the date of issuance of the

FPOL, as is permitted by the NRC's regulations.

**DATES:** The environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) referenced in this document is available on September 29, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0188 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-2020-0188. Address questions about 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 reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott P. Wall, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2855; email: [Scott.Wall@nrc.gov](mailto:Scott.Wall@nrc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The NRC is considering the issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-58, issued to EHNC and Energy Harbor Nuclear Generation LLC (collectively, the licensees), for operation of PNPP, located near Lake Erie in Lake County, Ohio. The licensee requested the amendment by letter dated March 26, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20086K773), as supplemented by letter dated July 30, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20212L544). If approved, the amendment would revise the expiration date of the license such that it would expire 40 years from the date of the issuance of the FPOL, as is permitted by section 50.51 of title 10 of the *Code of*