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**Current Actions:** This notice proposes the clearance of the IMLS Grants to States Program State Reporting System, Including Site Visit Checklist. The Grants to States program is the largest source of Federal funding support for library services in the U.S. Using a population-based formula, more than \$160 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year. SLAAs are official agencies charged by the Library Services and Technology Act (20 U.S.C. 9121 and 20 U.S.C. 9141) with the extension and development of library services, and they are located in each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the five Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the three Freely Associated States of Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Each State Library Administrative Agency (SLAA) is required, under 20 U.S.C. 9101 *et seq.* (in particular 20 U.S.C. 9134), to submit a plan that details library services goals for a five-year period, along with associated certifications. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 9134 (c), each SLAA that receives an IMLS grant under the Grants to States program is required to evaluate and report on all funded project activities to IMLS, prior to the end of the execution of its five-year plan. Each SLAA receives IMLS funding to support activities for the five-year period through a series of overlapping two-year grant awards. Each SLAA must file interim and final financial reports, and final performance reports for each of these two-year grants through IMLS's State Program Report (SPR) system. This action is to incorporate a Site Visit Checklist as a stand-alone form in the SPR system, which has an OMB Control Number of 3137-0071, expiring 8/31/2024. The 60-day Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 3, 2022 (87 FR 26231). The agency has taken into consideration the one comment that was received under this notice.

**Agency:** Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Title:** IMLS Grants to States Program State Reporting System, Including Site Visit Checklist.

**OMB Number:** 3137-0071.

**Agency Number:** 3137.

**Affected Public:** State Library Administrative Agencies.

**Total Number of Respondents:** 59.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually for the State Program Report, once every five years for the Site Visit Checklist.

**Average Hours per Response:** 47.83 hours for the State Program Report (annually), 20 hours for the Site Visit Checklist (once every five years).

**Total Burden Hours:** 2,822.

**Total Annualized capital/startup costs:** n/a.

**Total Annual Cost Burden:** \$87,086.

**Total Annual Federal Costs:** \$40,377.

Dated: July 29, 2022.

**Suzanne Mbollo,**

*Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

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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 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 issued.

**DATES:** July 27, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-292-4479; 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 as requiring special protection.

**Description of Permit Modification Requested:** The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2021-002) to Megan Cimino on August 12, 2020. The issued permit allows the permit holder and agents to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), as well as engage in research activities that would

result in Take, Harmful Interference, and Import into the USA. The permit holder and agents may conduct activities associated with long-term studies of seabird ecology including diets, breeding success, growth rates, survival, recruitment, behavior, population trends, foraging success, and seasonal dispersal. Study species include Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins; Brown and South Polar Skua; Southern Giant Petrel; Blue-eyed Shag; Kelp Gull; and Snowy Sheathbill. Specimens from these and other species may be salvaged from birds that have died of natural causes.

A recent modification to this permit, dated April 21, 2021, permitted the permit holder to deploy three time-lapse cameras, two on Torgersen Island and one on Humble Island (Restricted Zones within ASMA 7, Southwest Anvers Island and Palmer Basin), to monitor Adelie penguin occupation patterns in relation to the Palmer Station pier construction. The two islands of interest are where Adelie penguin foraging behavior, diet, and phenology have been routinely studied and are the largest Adelie colonies near Palmer Station. The equipment consists of a small camera attached to a steel pole with a square base that is anchored under rocks. The cameras would be deployed at the end of May 2021 by permit agents (if there are any delays, the cameras would be installed during October 2021). The equipment would be hand carried in pieces to the sites of interest and assembled in the field. The cameras would remain in place for at least two years to obtain information during the pier construction and the year after construction.

Now the permit holder proposes a modification to deploy seven acoustic recorders, four on Humble Island and three on Torgersen Island (Restricted Zones within ASMA 7, Southwest Anvers Island and Palmer Basin), to record Adelie penguin vocalizations throughout the breeding season for assessing the validity of a new approach for high resolution population censusing and metapopulation modeling. The equipment consists of small battery powered acoustic recorders attached to a PVC pole with PVC pole bases that would be anchored under rocks. The recorders would be deployed in November 2022 by permit agents and retrieved in March 2023. Recorders will be visited weekly to replace batteries and memory cards.

The ACA Permit 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.

The permit modification was issued on July 27, 2022.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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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 September 2, 2022. 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 or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–4479.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

#### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2023–006*

1. *Applicant:* Lee Welhouse, University of Wisconsin-Madison Space Science and Engineering Center, Madison, WI 53706

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPAs). The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing entry into ASPA 106—Cape Hallett, Northern Victoria Land for a single period of 4–6 hours. The Antarctic Meteorological Research and Data Center has maintained a weather station in this ASPA since 2007. This entry would be to perform routine maintenance and upkeep that is necessary approximately every 3 years.

#### Location

ASPAs 106—Cape Hallett, Northern Victoria Land.

#### Dates of Permitted Activities

November 1, 2022–December 1, 2022.

#### Permit Application: 2023–007

2. *Applicant:* Dr. Natasja van Gestel, Texas Tech University Biological Sciences Department, Lubbock, TX 79409

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPAs), import into USA. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing entry to ASPA 113—Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, to study Antarctic soils, microbial communities, and vegetation. The applicant would access the site weekly between the period of December 1–March 31 for four consecutive seasons between December 2022 and March 2026. The applicant proposes to conduct warming experiments on the soil and plants using five 1m<sup>2</sup> soil warming chambers that will also log soil moisture, temperature, and microclimate data. The applicant proposes to collect up to 100 small soil cores, 15 samples of plants of *Polytrichum* species, 15 samples of plants of *Chorisodontium* species, and 15 samples of various other moss species per year which would be brought back to Palmer Station for temperature incubation experiments. At the conclusion of the temperature experiments, the applicant would import all collected specimens back to the home institution for herbarium curation.

#### Location

ASPAs 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor.

#### Dates of Permitted Activities

December 1, 2022–March 31, 2026.

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 603–292–4479; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 26, 2022, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit application received. The permit was issued on the following date:

1. Birgitte McDonald, Permit No. 2023–003, July 25, 2022

On June 24, 2022, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit application received. The permit was issued on the following date:

1. Steve Emslie, Permit No. 2023–004, July 26, 2022

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Request for Information on the Federal Big Data Research and Development Strategic Plan Update

**AGENCY:** Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO), National Science Foundation (NSF).

**ACTION:** Request for Information (RFI); extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 1, 2022, the NITRD NCO and NSF, as part of the NITRD Big Data interagency working group (BD IWG), published in the **Federal Register** a document entitled “Request for