

**Application Details***Permit Application: 2024-003*

1. *Applicant:* Chris Linder, Potomac MD, 20854

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Waste Management. The applicant seeks and Antarctic Conservation Act permit to fly a small battery-operated remotely piloted aircrafts (RPAS) to take scenic photos and film of the Antarctic. The RPAS would not be flown over concentrations of birds or mammals or over Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The RPAS would only be flown by the applicant who has extensive piloting experience in fair weather conditions. Several measures would be taken to prevent against loss of the RPAS. The applicant is seeking a Waste Permit to cover any accidental releases that may result from flying a UAV.

*Location*

Antarctic Peninsula Region.

*Dates of Permitted Activities*

January 14, 2024–January 30, 2024.

**Kimiko S. Bowens-Knox,**

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. These meetings will primarily take place at NSF's headquarters, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and

merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF website: <https://new.nsf.gov/events/proposal-review-panels>. This information may also be requested by telephoning, 703/292-8687.

Dated: August 4, 2023.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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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 8, 2023. 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: 2024-004*

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Paul Ponganis, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093-0204

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:*

Take, Harmful Interference, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing take and harmful interference associated with ongoing research examining the oxygen transport systems of emperor penguins (*Aptenodytes forsteri*) in Antarctica. The applicant proposes capturing up to 38 non-breeding or sub-adult penguins from the McMurdo Sound region or, if necessary, in Cape Washington (ASPA 173). The applicant will access ASPA 173 by fixed-wing aircraft in accordance with the ASPA management plan. Throughout the course of the physiology study, penguins will be kept captive on the sea ice, but will be allowed to dive and forage at will. Research activities involve the administration of general anesthesia and the attachment of instrumentation to measure oxygen levels, heart rate/stroke rate, and dive depth/activity. In some penguins, blood samples may be collected during dives. At the end of each dive study, equipment will be removed, and the penguins will be released at the McMurdo Sea ice edge, where they will be able to rejoin nearby colonies.

*Location:* McMurdo Sound, ASPA 173: Cape Washington and Silverfish Bay

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* October 1, 2023–December 20, 2023.

Permit Application: 2024-005

2. *Applicant:* Rachael Herman, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-5215

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:*

Take, Harmful Interference, Import into USA. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing take and harmful interference and import of samples to the USA associated with research examining adaptation of Gentoo penguins (*Pygoscelis papua*) in Antarctica. The applicant proposes collecting blood samples from up to 20