

Government under an express promise of confidentiality, or, prior to the effective date of this section, under an implied promise of confidentiality;

(e) Records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 3056 are, under the authority of section (k)(3), exempt from disclosure (section (d));

(f) Records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records are, under the authority of section (k)(4), exempt from disclosure (section (d));

(g) Records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are investigatory in nature and compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for federal civilian employment, military service, federal contracts, or access to classified information are, under the authority of section (k)(5), exempt from disclosure (section (d)); provided that and only to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the United States Government under an express promise of confidentiality, or, prior to the effective date of this section, under an implied promise of confidentiality;

(h) And, records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the federal service are, under the authority of section (k)(6), exempt from disclosure (section (d)); provided that and only to the extent that disclosure would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process.

Michael Waguespack,

Director, National Counterintelligence Center.

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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 under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

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: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 29, 1997, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on September 25, 1997 to the following applicants:

Art DeVries—Permit No. 98-007
Ian Whillans—Permit No. 98-008
Theodore Day—Permit No. 98-009
Bill J. Baker—Permit No. 98-011
Donald B. Siniff—Permit Nos. 98-012 and 98-013

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish 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 of Title 45 Part 670 of 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 these permit applications by October 27, 1997. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement

the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The application received is follows:

1. **Applicant:** Brenda Hall and George Denton, Institute of Quaternary Studies, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469-5790. Permit Application No. 98-014

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Site of Special Scientific Interest

The applicants are carrying out a large mapping project to determine the former extent of a grounded ice sheet in the Ross Sea during the last glacial maximum (LGM). Much of the work has been concentrated on the Dry Valley regions where lobes of the grounded Ross Sea Ice Sheet flowed inland into the mouths of the valleys. Barwick Valley (SSSI #3) was last mapped in the 1960's. According to that work, inland ice advanced down Barwick Valley simultaneously with ice advance into Lower Victoria Valley from the Ross Sea. The Lower Victoria Valley deposits indicate the presence of a lake, not an ice tongue. Based on descriptions of Barwick Valley deposits from previous mapping and observations during last season's reconnaissance, the applicants believe a lake may have also extended into this area. The applicants have identified lacustrine sediments in Barwick Valley. A radiocarbon date of a fossil algae sample yielded an age of about 12,500 ¹⁴C yr. B.P. for a high lake, similar to the age of a high lake in Victoria Valley. The lacustrine deposits may reflect the presence of lake that was part of a much larger lake that filled Victoria Valley. The applicants plan to make detailed measurements of the elevation of the lacustrine deposits in Barwick Valley, as well as collect tiny samples of fossil algae and carbonates for radiocarbon dating.

Work in the Barwick Valley will primarily involve mapping. Samples will be collected from key high-elevation lacustrine deposits to obtain fossil algae and carbonates in order to construct a radiocarbon chronology for lake level variation. The samples will be collected from 10 cm x 10 cm areas and all surface material will be replaced.

The applicants plan to backpack into Barwick Valley by foot from the Victoria Valley and will camp there for a 2–3 day period.

Location: McMurdo Station, Ross Island, Antarctica.

Dates: October 20, 1976–February 15, 1998.

2. *Applicant:* Frederick W. Taylor, Sr., Institute for Geophysics, The University of Texas at Austin, 4412 Spicewood Springs Road, #600, Austin, TX 78759–8500. Permit Application: 98–015

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Specially Protected Area

The applicant requests to enter the Byers Peninsula, Specially Protected Area (SPA #3), in order to install a Global Positioning System (GPS) to obtain data by passive electronic recording. The Global Positioning System (GPS) will be used to measure horizontal tectonic motion of the Snow Island-Livingston Island—King George Island block relative to the Antarctic Peninsula and relative to sites in South America. The floor of the Bransfield Strait is spreading causing an increase in the distance between this block and the Antarctic Peninsula at an unknown rate. There are other active tectonic boundaries between the Shetland Islands and South America across which rates of motion are also not known. The rates of ongoing motion of the Snow Island to the King George block and the role it plays in the interactions of small tectonic plates lying between South America and Antarctica are essential to understanding regional tectonic relationships.

The applicant plans to camp at the site for a 3–4 day period over the next several years. All items will be removed from the site, except for a GPS marker, the six anchor bolts and the witness post. By returning to each site two or more times over the next several years, the applicant can remeasure distances between sites, determine how much the distances have changed, and calculate rates and directions of motion for small and large tectonic plates in the region.

Location: Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates: December 1, 1997–December 31, 2000.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO); Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L., 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO) (1110).

Date and Time: October 20, 1997, 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; October 21, 1997; 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Tel No.: (703) 306–1400.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Long-Term Planning.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Processes; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Process—(5138) (Panel B).

Date and Time: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 22–24, 1997 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 310, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Susan Porter Ridley, Assistant Program Manager for Biochemistry of Gene Expression, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306–1441).

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Biochemistry of Gene Expression Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: 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.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function—(1134) (Panel B).

Date and Time: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 20, 21, and 22, 1997 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 360, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Drs. Kamal Shukla & Dagmar Ringe, Program Directors for Molecular Biophysics, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306–1444).

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Molecular Biophysics Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: 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.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Cell Biology; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.