

- 4 High school incomplete (Grades 9–11)  
 5 High school graduate, Grade 12  
 6 Technical, trade, or business after high school  
 7 College/university incomplete  
 8 College/university graduate or more  
 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D3a. If College grad (D3 '8') Do you have any post-graduate education beyond a 4-year bachelors degree?

- 1 Yes (includes masters degree, doctorate, law degree, etc.)  
 2 No  
 3 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D4. Are you, yourself of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes  
 2 No  
 3 DON'T KNOW  
 4 REFUSED

D4a. What is your race? Are you white, African-American, or some other race?

- 01 Other (list)  
 02 (DK)  
 03 (Refused)  
 04 HOLD  
 05 HOLD  
 06 White  
 07 African-American/Black  
 08 (Hispanic)—(Continue)

D4b. (If code "08" in D4a, ask:) Do you consider yourself to be white-Hispanic, or black-Hispanic?

- 01 Other (list)  
 02 (DK)  
 03 (Refused)  
 04 HOLD  
 05 HOLD  
 06 White-Hispanic  
 07 Black-Hispanic  
 08 (Hispanic/Respondent refuses to discriminate)

D5. Is your total annual household income before taxes \$20,000 or more or is it less than \$20,000?

(IF "UNDER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$15,000?

(IF "UNDER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$10,000?

(IF "OVER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$30,000?

(IF "OVER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$50,000?

(IF "OVER" ASK:) Is it over or under \$75,000?

- 01 Less than \$10,000 05 \$30,000–49,999  
 02 \$10,000–14,999 06 \$50,000–74,999  
 03 \$15,000–19,999 07 \$75,000 and over  
 04 \$20,000–29,999 08 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D6. How important would you say religion is in your own life—extremely

important, very important, fairly important, or not very important?

- 1 Extremely important  
 2 Very important  
 3 Fairly important  
 4 Not very important  
 5 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D7. Next, we need to record how many different residential phone lines you have in your household—that is, the number of different phone numbers that are used by adult members of your household. Please do not count phone lines that are used primarily for business purposes, for children, or for electronic equipment—such as computers and fax machines. How many residential phone numbers are there in your household?

- 1 One  
 2 Two  
 3 Three  
 4 Four  
 5 Five or more  
 6 DON'T KNOW  
 7 REFUSED

#### Programmer Note: Collect 50 Names

D8. This completes the interview, however, Gallup is working with USA Today on this poll and they would like to talk further with a few survey participants about the topics we've discussed. So that reporters can choose from a cross-section of people, Gallup would provide them with background information which may include any or all of the answers you've given in this poll. Would you be willing to talk with a reporter at a later date?

- 1 Yes  
 2 No/(Ref)

IF YES TO BE RE-INTERVIEWED READ:

So that a reporter might reach you more easily, may I please have your name?

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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 at 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 January 4, 1999. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to 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) 306–1030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 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 applications received are as follows.

[Permit Application No. 99–017]

1. *Applicant:* Charles R. Stearns, Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, University of Wisconsin, 1225 West Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin 52706.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applicant proposes to install an Antarctic Weather Station (AWS) at Cape Bird, Ross Island. Studies of weather in the vicinity of McMurdo indicate an AWS at this location will help provide valuable data for forecasting weather in the Ross Island region. The applicant intends to install the AWS outside Antarctic Specially Protected Area #116, New College Valley, however, due to unfamiliarity with the terrain it may be necessary to place the AWS within site. The applicant also proposes to return to the site on occasion to service the AWS.

*Location:* ASPA #116—New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird, Ross Island.

*Dates:* January 1, 1999–February 15, 2001.

[Permit Application No. 99–018]

2. *Applicant:* Gary Klinkhammer, College of Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University, 104 Ocean Administration Building, Corvallis, Oregon 97331–5503.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applicant proposes to visit several hydrothermal sites at Deception Island and in the Bransfield Strait for purposes of collecting sediment and rock samples. These samples will be gathered by TV grab, dredging and gravity coring. Some of the hydrothermal sites exist in Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPAs) #145, Port Foster, Deception Island, and in ASPA #152, the Western Bransfield Strait, off Low Island. The applicant proposes to collect any biological specimens that are accidentally retrieved during the sediment and rock sampling and return them to the university for use in scientific studies.

*Location:* ASPA #145—Port Foster, Deception Island, and ASPA #152—Western Bransfield Strait, off Low Island.

*Dates:* April 14, 1999–May 10, 1999.  
[Permit Application No. 99–019]

3. *Applicant:* Lars Wikander, President, Quark Expeditions, Inc., 980 Post Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area.

The applicant conduct educational visits, for passengers, staff and crew of the icebreaker, Kapitan Khlebnikov, to the following Ross Island areas: Cape Evans Historic Site (ASPAs #154), Hut and associated artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASPAs #156), Discovery Hut, Hut Point (ASPAs #157), and Huts and associated artifacts, Cape Adare (ASPAs #158). Visits will be conducted in accordance with the relevant Management Plans for each site. Access to the sites may be by zodiac or helicopter as appropriate.

*Location:*

ASPAs #154—Evans Historic Site

ASPAs #156—Hut and associated artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island

ASPAs #157—Discovery Hut, Hut Point, Ross Island

ASPAs #158—Huts and associated artifacts, Cape Adare

*Dates:* January 1, 1999–March 31, 2003.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–286]

### Power Authority of the State of New York; Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License No. DPR–64, issued to the Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee), for operation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3, located in Westchester County, New York.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, which requires a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs in each area in which special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements to maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated September 24, 1998.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of 10 CFR 70.24 is to ensure that if a criticality were to occur during the handling of special nuclear material, personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. At a commercial nuclear power plant the inadvertent criticality with which 10 CFR 70.24 is concerned could occur during fuel handling operations. The special nuclear material that could be assembled into a critical mass at a

commercial nuclear power plant is in the form of nuclear fuel; the quantity of other forms of special nuclear material that is stored on site is small enough to preclude achieving a critical mass. Because the fuel is not enriched beyond 5.0 weight percent Uranium-235 and because commercial nuclear plant licensees have procedures and design features that prevent inadvertent criticality, the staff has determined that it is unlikely that an inadvertent criticality could occur due to the handling of special nuclear material at a commercial power reactor. The requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, therefore, are not necessary to ensure the safety of personnel during the handling of special nuclear materials at commercial power reactors.

#### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that inadvertent or accidental criticality will be precluded through compliance with the Indian Point Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications, through the design of the fuel storage racks, and through administrative controls imposed on fuel handling procedures.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other nonradiological environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed exemption, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the no action alternative). Denial of the request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.