

7. *Date:* January 12, 2000.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for National Education Projects, submitted to the Division of Education at the October 15, 1999 deadline.

8. *Date:* January 14, 2000.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for National Education Projects, submitted to the Division of Education at the October 15, 1999 deadline.

9. *Date:* January 14, 2000.  
*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the November 1, 1999 deadline.

10. *Date:* January 18, 2000.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for National Education Projects, submitted to the Division of Education at the October 15, 1999 deadline.

11. *Date:* January 18–19, 2000.  
*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 430.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Collaborative Research in Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the September 1, 1999 deadline.

12. *Date:* January 20, 2000.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for National Education Projects, submitted to the Division of Education at the October 15, 1999 deadline.

**Laura S. Nelson,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95–541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.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 January 14, 2000. 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (formerly called Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest).

The application received is as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Mimi Wallace, 3564 Breckenridge, El Paso, TX 79936; Permit Application No. 2000–023.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested* Import into the U.S.A.

The applicant proposes to opportunistically collect specimens (*e.g.*, bones, feathers, beaks, *etc.*) from dead animals such as seabirds and marine mammals for educational purposes and to import these to the United States. No animals will be killed to obtain specimens. The applicant is participating in an educational outreach program (Teachers Experiencing Antarctica-TEA) that is associated with the Palmer Long Term Ecological Research Program (LTER). The collection will be used in teaching high school students about Antarctica.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula Region.

*Dates:* January 1 to March 31, 2000.

2. *Applicant:* Christian H. Fritzen, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89512; Permit Application No. 2000–024.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested* Take; Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area

The applicant proposes to enter the Canada Glacier, Lake Fryxell Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA #131) to collect five samples (5 grams each) of cyanobacterial mats in ephemeral stream areas. The Cyanobacterial assemblages in ice covers on Antarctic lakes are believed to originate from terrestrial areas and ephemeral streams. The applicant proposes to examine the physiological responses and community structures that are selected by the ice-cover environment to determine if these source organisms possess the characteristics that make them suited for growth in ice covers on the lakes and the glaciers in the Taylor Valley. The samples will be autoclaved after use and destroyed.

*Location:* Canada Glacier, Lake Fryxell, Taylor Valley Antarctic Specially Protected Area #131.

*Dates:* October 15, 1999 to February 15, 2000.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95–541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Modification Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.L. 95–541.

**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 at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit modifications requested.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by January 14, 2000. 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.

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Description of Permit Modification Requested:

1. The Foundation issued a permit (99-010) to Dr. Rennie S. Holt on September 25, 1998. The issued permit allows for the censuring, capture, handling and release of up to 80 adult and 1500 Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) pups. In addition, up to 40 female/pup pairs would be captured for measurements of energy expenditure, foot intake, dive depth, duration, time of day and dive frequency, swim speed and foraging location, as well as attendance-related factors of pup growth using milk extraction and gastric lavage. The permit holder requests to modify his permit to include teeth extractions for age determinations, involving up to 100 adults per annum. To minimize the number of takes, effort will be made such that the majority of tooth extractions will be from animals already captured for other permitted procedures. Also, specimens may be collected opportunistically; animals will not be killed for any collection purposes (i.e.: samples may be collected from dead animals found on the beach or washed ashore). A further modification request is for import of samples collected opportunistically from cetacean species found dead. All specimens will be imported to the United States and inventoried with the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Program in La Jolla, CA.

**Location**

Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (SSSI #32), Byers Peninsula (SSSI #6), South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula.

**Dates**

January 10, 2000 to April 2, 2001.

**Nadene G. Kennedy**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of December 20 and 27, 1999, January 3 and 10, 2000.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Week of December 20

Wednesday, December 22  
11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session  
(Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 27—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 27

Week of January 3—Tentative

Wednesday, January 5  
9:55 a.m.—Affirmation Session  
(Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of January 10—Tentative

Monday, January 10  
10:00 a.m.—Meeting with D. C. Cook  
(Public Meeting) (Contact: John Stang, 301-415-1345)

Tuesday, January 11

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Status of Research Programs, Performance, and Plans (including Status of Thermo-Hydraulics) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jocelyn Mitchell, 301-415-5289)

Wednesday, January 12

9:55 a.m.—Affirmation Session  
(Public Meeting) (if needed)  
10:00 a.m.—Briefing on Status of NRR Programs, Performance, and Plans  
(Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Case, 301-415-1134)

\*THE SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHORT NOTICE. TO VERIFY THE STATUS OF MEETINGS CALL (RECORDING)—(301) 415-1292. CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: December 20, 1999.

**William M. Hill, Jr.,**

*SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.  
Rule 204-3, SEC File No. 270-42, OMB Control No. 3235-0047

**Extension:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 204-3 requires investment advisers to deliver, or offer to deliver, to their clients a written disclosure statement, or "brochure," of specified information concerning the background and business practices of the adviser. Investors use this information to determine whether to retain or continue to employ the investment adviser. There are currently approximately 8,300 investment advisers subject to this rule; the estimated burden resulting from the rule is 203,350 total annual hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the