

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-55,023]

**X-L Grinding & Tool, Inc., Alpena, Michigan; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on June 3, 2004, in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at X-L Grinding & Tool, Inc., Alpena, Michigan.

The petition regarding the investigation has been deemed invalid. In order to establish a valid worker group, there must be at least three full-time workers employed at some point during the period under investigation. Workers of the group subject to this investigation did not meet the threshold of employment. Consequently the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of June, 2004.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES****National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel (Media section) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.d.t., in Room 729 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 30, 2003, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of

Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: July 1, 2004.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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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 this permit application by August 6, 2004. This application 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) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541), 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

**1. Applicant**

Permit Application No. 2005-008, Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Director, Geochemical & Environmental Research Group, Texas A&M University, 833 Graham Road, College Station, TX 77845.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter Cape Bird (ASPA # 116) and Arrival Heights (ASPA # 122) to collect soil samples and take permafrost measurements as part of the ongoing environmental monitoring program. These sites were chosen because of the nature of their geology, climatic influences and topography. One site will service as a reference control for the study of the temporal and spatial scales of various types of disturbances in and around McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

*Location*

Cape Bird (ASPA # 116) and Arrival Heights (ASPA # 122), Ross Island, Antarctica

*Dates*

November 21, 2004 to December 31, 2004

**2. Applicant**

Permit Application No. 2005-009, John C. Priscu, Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, 334 Leon Johnson Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Introduce non-indigenous species to Antarctica. The applicant plans to import bacterial isolates, originally collected from the McMurdo Dry Valleys, and insert fluorescent green protein (GFPs) marker genes. The marker genes are expressed in the cytoplasm as a colored fluorescence enabling them to be seen inside phytoplankton when viewed under epifluorescence microscopy with the appropriate filter sets. The marker genes will express different colors (red, green, yellow, cyan). By using mixtures of these bacteria, it can be determined if phytoplankton are selectively feeding on different strains of bacteria. If they are selective, then their grazing may impact on the diversity of the bacterial communities of the Dry Valley lakes. Experiments will be conducted in the Cray Lab at McMurdo Station and all waste from experiments will be destroyed for disposal.