

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.

Location

McMurdo Dry Valleys and Crary Science and Engineering Center, McMurdo Station, Ross Island

Dates

November 01, 2004 to December 31, 2005

3. Applicant

Permit Application No. 2005-010, W. Berry Lyons, Byrd Polar Research Center, The Ohio State University, 108 Scott Hall, 1090 Carmack Road, Columbus, OH 43210.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Entry into Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter and camp at Cape Hallett (ASPA # 106), to conduct work in collaboration with the Antarctic New Zealand Latitude Gradient Project and as an extension of the McMurdo Dry Valleys Long-Term Ecological Research project. The applicant will perform routine maintenance and download data from the automated weather installed in the area in 2003. In addition, water samples will be collected for chemical analysis, as well as snow samples and soil samples. The team will also assist the New Zealanders in collecting debris for removal from the site.

Location

Cape Hallett, Victoria Land, Antarctica (ASPA # 106)

Dates

October 01, 2004 to February 18, 2005

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316]

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Indiana Michigan Power Company (the licensee) to withdraw its April 6, 2004, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74 for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1 and Unit No. 2, located in Berrien County. In addition, the licensee's application requested exemptions from regulations.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Licenses. The proposed amendment and the requested exemptions from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix K would have supported a transition to Framatome ANP, Incorporated as the fuel vendor.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 2004 (69 FR 26192). However, by letter dated June 14, 2004, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 6, 2004, and the licensee's letter dated June 14, 2004, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

L. Raghavan,

Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-219]

Amergen Energy Company, LLC Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of scheduler exemptions from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Section 50.71(e)(4) for Facility Operating License No. DPR-16, which authorizes

operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS), a boiling-water reactor facility, located in Ocean County, New Jersey. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Paragraph 50.71(e)(4) requires that licensees provide the NRC with updates to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. The revisions must reflect changes up to 6 months prior to the date of filing. This regulation would require the licensee to submit the next OCNGS UFSAR update by April 25, 2005, which is 24 months after the most recent update (April 25, 2003).

The licensee requested a one-time scheduler exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4), extending the filing date by "approximately 6 months." This one-time scheduler exemption would thus extend the 24-month interval between the last and next filing to be 30 months. Since the licensee last submitted an update on April 25, 2003, this proposed one-time, 6-month extension would permit the next update be as late as October 25, 2005.

The licensee also requested a permanent scheduler exemption to allow filing of all future UFSAR updates up to 12 months, instead of 6 months, after completion of a refueling outage. Thus, accordingly to the licensee's current refueling schedule, this would permit the licensee to file future updates in the fall of odd-numbered years.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated March 26, 2004.

The Need for the Proposed Action

In its March 26, 2004, application, the licensee stated that following the scheduler requirements of 10 CFR 50.72(e)(4) literally means that the licensee has to file both OCNGS and Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS, owned by the licensee's parent company, Exelon) UFSAR updates in the same time frame (*i.e.*, spring) of odd-numbered years. Such filing schedule for both OCNGS and PBAPS constitutes a hardship for the licensee and its parent company Exelon; additional temporary resources would have to be employed in order to simultaneously