

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 a 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:

1. *Applicant, Permit Application No. 2003-016:* William Gilmore, Environmental Manager, Raytheon Polar Services Company, 7400 South Tucson Way, M.S. 29, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter the Antarctic Specially Protected Area at Cape Crozier (ASPA #124) to perform an Environmental Field Camp Audit. The audit will include documentation of the camp footprint, as well as compliance with waste and Environmental, Health and Safety Protocols. These audits are part of a sustained and coherent monitoring program to form a reliable basis for sound environmental management decisions and possible improvements. Data obtained from the monitoring program will be used to document baseline conditions, verify operational impact, and monitor activities undertaken to recover from accidental impacts to the environment. The applicant plans to visit the site for no more than 3-4 hours. Access to the site will be via helicopter.

Location: Cape Crozier, Ross Island (ASPA #124).

Dates: January 2, 2003 to February 15, 2003.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulatory Guide and Standard Review Plan Chapter; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued revisions to a regulatory guide and its conforming standard review plan chapter. The Regulatory Guide Series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.174, "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis," provides guidance acceptable to the NRC staff on the use of probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) findings and risk insights in support of licensee requests for changes to a nuclear power plant's licensing basis.

Revision 1 of Standard Review Plan Chapter 19, "Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: General Guidance," identifies the roles and responsibilities within the NRC that participate in risk-informed reviews of licensees' proposals for changes to the licensing basis of nuclear power plants.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Allstate Life Insurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

November 27, 2002.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order of exemption pursuant to Section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") from Section 17(a) of the Act.

Applicants: Allstate Life Insurance Company ("Allstate"), Allstate Financial Advisers Separate Account I ("Allstate Separate Account I"), Northbrook Life Insurance Company ("Northbrook"), Northbrook Variable Annuity Account ("Northbrook VA"), and Northbrook Variable Annuity Account II ("Northbrook VA II," together with the Northbrook VA, the "Northbrook Separate Accounts").

Summary of Application: Applicants seek an order of exemption to the extent necessary to permit a transfer of assets and assumption of liabilities of Northbrook VA and Northbrook VA II by Allstate Separate Account I.

Filing Date: The application was filed on October 7, 2002 and amended and restated on November 26, 2002.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on December 23, 2002, and must be accompanied by proof of service, on Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a