

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 (Pub. L. 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:

Permit Application No. 2206-021

1. *Applicant:* Mahion C. Kennicutt II, Director of Sustainable Development, Office of the Vice President for Research, 1112 Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-1112.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes to enter the following protected sites: Cape Evans (ASPA #154), and Arrival Heights (ASPA #122) to collect soil samples and permafrost measurements. These sites are specifically targeted because of the nature of their geology, climatic influences, and topography. One site, Cape Evans, has been chosen as a reference control area for the study of temporal and spatial scales of various types of disturbances in and around McMurdo Station. Arrival Heights has been sampled in past field seasons and is slated to be sampled as part of the ongoing environmental monitoring program.

Location: Cape Evans (ASPA #154) and Arrival Heights (ASPA #122).

Dates: November 21, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Permit Application No. 2002-007 Mod. 1

Applicant: Rennie S. Holt, Director, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take and Import into the U.S. The applicant proposes to inject doubly labeled water (DLW) into 15

female adult Fur seals and 30 pups annually and collect blood samples to measure the maternal energy expenditure during the perinatal period and measure milk intake in pups throughout the attendance period. Studies of the energetics of lactating Antarctic fur seals and their pups will provide a better understanding of their role in the coastal marine ecosystems of South Shetland Islands and the potential impact of commercial krill fisheries.

The applicant also proposes to salvage dead specimens from pinniped and cetacean species found opportunistically on the beaches or washed ashore. All specimens will be inventoried with the AMLR Program in La Jolla, California.

Location: South Shetland Islands vicinity. Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (including San Telmo Islands).

Date: November 15, 2005 to June 1, 2007.

Permit Application No. 2006-022

3. *Applicant:* Molly F. Miller, Department of Earth/Environmental Sciences, 35-0117, Vanderbilt University, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37235.

Activity for which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter just inside the boundaries of the Barwick Valley Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA #123) to search for *in situ* fossils and use them and characteristics of the surrounding sedimentary rocks to constrain the environmental and climate conditions. The project plans to test models of climate change during the Permian-Triassic and evaluate the effects of the climate change on diverse components of the ecosystem.

Location: Barwick and Balham Valleys (ASPA #123).

Dates: October 1, 2005 to February 28, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Request Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit modification request received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a request to modify a permit issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541; Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, Part 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to the permit modification by October 19, 2005. The permit modification request may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Polly A. Penhale or Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

Description of Permit Modification Requested: On November 1, 2001, the National Science Foundation issued a Waste Management Permit (2002 WM-002) to Rennie S. Holt, Director, U.S. Antarctic Marine Living Resources (AMLR) Program, for the operation of a remote field camp at Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, Antarctica. The permit holder wishes to modify this permit to include the use of doubly labeled water (tritiated and oxygen-18) to measure energetics in Antarctic fur seal pups. These radioisotopes will be added to the list of designated pollutants covered under the existing permit.

Approval of the modification requested will still ensure that waste management and regulatory requirements are met while providing a streamlined approach to waste management. The duration of the requested modification is coincident with the current permit which expires on April 30, 2006.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

DATES: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 27, 2005, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on August 31, 2005 to:

Rebecca J. Gast, Permit No. 2006-019.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of September 19, 2005:

An Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at 10 a.m. in Room L-002, the Auditorium, and a Closed Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Glassman, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matters of the Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2005 will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to extend the date by which companies that are not accelerated filers must comply with certain amendments to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Items 308(a) and (b) of Regulations S-K and S-B, Item 15 of Form 20-F, and General

Instruction B of Form 40-F. These amendments require companies, other than registered investment companies, to include in their annual reports a report of management and an accompanying auditor's report on the company's internal control over financial reporting. The amendments also require a company's management to evaluate as of the end of each fiscal period any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting. If approved, a company that is not an accelerated filer would have to comply with the internal control over financial reporting requirements for its first fiscal year ending on or after July 15, 2007.

For further information, please contact Sean Harrison, Special Counsel, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 551-3430.

2. The Commission will consider whether to propose amendments to the "accelerated filer" definition in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to:

a. Create a new category of accelerated filer that would include reporting companies with a public float of \$700 million or more; and

b. Ease some of the current restrictions on the exit of companies from accelerated filer status.

The proposed amendments also would amend the final phase-in of the Form 10-K and Form 10-Q accelerated filing deadlines that is scheduled to take effect next year. Accelerated filers currently are scheduled to become subject to a 60-day filing deadline for their Form 10-K annual reports filed for fiscal years ending on or after December 15, 2005, and a 35-day deadline for the three subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

For further information, please contact Katherine Hsu, Special Counsel, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 551-3430.

The subject matters of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2005, will be:

Formal orders of investigations; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; and

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been

added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: September 14, 2005.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-28028]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

September 12, 2005.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by October 7, 2005, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After October 7, 2005, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Allegheny Energy, Inc., et al. (70-10330)

Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("Allegheny"), a registered holding company, and its wholly-owned public utility company subsidiary, Monongahela Power Company ("Monongahela" and, together with Allegheny, the "Applicants"), 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601, have filed an