

Company, 7400 S. Tuscon Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

*Activity for Which Permit is*

*Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes that it's two chartered vessels, *Nathaniel B. Palmer* and *Laurence M. Gould*, will transit, when necessary, through the following Marine Specially Protected Areas: Port Foster, Deception Island (ASPA 145), Western Bransfield Strait (ASPA 152), and East Dallman Bay (ASPA 153). Transit through these areas are for scientific purposes and the sites will be avoided whenever possible.

*Location:* Port Foster, Deception Island (ASPA 145), Western Bransfield Strait (ASPA 152), and East Dallman Bay (ASPA 153).

*Dates:* September 1, 2006 to September 30, 2011.

**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 (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 October 19, 2006. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTAL 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:*

1. *Applicant:* Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II (Permit Application No. 2007-012), Director, Sustainable Development, Office of the Vice President for Research, 1112 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1112.

*Activity for Which Permit Is*

*Requested:* Take, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area, and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to enter the Arrival Heights Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA #122) for the purpose of collecting soil samples and permafrost measurements as part of an ongoing environmental monitoring program. The applicant also plans to use Bratina Island as a control site.

*Location:* Bratina Island and Arrival Heights (ASPA #122).

*Dates:* November 21, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

2. *Applicant:* Evan Bloom (Permit Application No. 2007-013), OES/OA, Rm. 2665, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

*Activity for Which Permit Is*

*Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to enter the Cape Shirreff Antarctic Specially Protected Area #149 for the purpose of conducting an Antarctic Treaty Inspection of the Chilean Field Camp of Guillermo Mann and the U.S. (NOAA) Cape Shirreff Field Station.

*Location:* Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (ASMA #149).

*Dates:* November 12, 2006 to December 1, 2006.

3. *Applicant:* Kam W. Tang (Permit Application No. 2007-014), Virginia Institute of Marine Science, P.O. Box 1346, 1208 Greate Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.

*Activity for Which Permit Is*

*Requested:* Introduce Non-indigenous Species into Antarctica, Take and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant proposes to bring previously caught Antarctic phytoplankton (*Phaeocystis Antarctica*, *Ciliate—species unknown*, *Rhodomonas salina* and *Dunaliella tertiolecta*) to Crary Lab at McMurdo Station for use in a series of incubation

experiments to determine the growth, photosynthetic activities and trophic processes under controlled conditions. All experiments will be conducted using contained incubators. All cultures will be properly disposed of at the end of the field season. The applicant also plans to collect 50 L of phytoplankton for scientific study in the U.S.

*Location:* Crary Lab, McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

*Dates:* December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2008.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for operation of a remote field support and emergency provisions for the Expedition Vessel, *Kapitan Khlebnikov* for the 2006-2007 season and two following austral summers. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 19, 2006. 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:** Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Environmental Officer at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** NSF's Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR Part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for the operation of up to nine expeditions per year to Antarctica. During each trip, passengers are taken ashore at selected

sites by Zodiac (rubber raft) or helicopter for approximately two to four hours at a time. On each helicopter's landing, emergency gear would be taken ashore in case weather deteriorates and passengers are required to camp on shore. Anything taken ashore will be removed from Antarctica and disposed of in Ushuaia, Argentina, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, or a substitute port of disembarkation. No hazardous domestic products or wastes (aerosol cans, paints, solvents, etc.) will be brought ashore. Cooking stoves/fuel will be used only in an emergency where passengers are forced to spend night on shore. Conditions of the permit would include requirements to report on the removal of materials and any accidental releases, and management of all waste, including human waste, in accordance with Antarctic waste regulations.

Application for the permit is made by: Pat Shaw, President, Quark Expeditions, Inc., 1019 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.

*Location:* Antarctica (south of 60 degrees south latitude).

*Dates:* October 1, 2006 to March 31, 2009.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) meeting:

*Date and Time:* October 12-13, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 1235, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. G. Wayne Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4908. Additional information is available at [www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

*Agenda:* To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to

astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: September 14, 2006.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research (DMR) #1203.

*Dates & Times:* October 5, 2006; 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m., October 6, 2006; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

*Place:* Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Thomas Rieker, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-4914.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

#### Agenda

*Thursday, October 5, 2006*

7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Closed—Executive session.

8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Open—Review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center at Stanford University.

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed—Executive session.

5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Open—Poster session and Dinner.

*Friday, October 6, 2006*

8 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Closed—Executive session.

8:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Open—Review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center at Stanford University.

10:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, Draft and Review Report, brief the center director.

*Reason for Closing:* The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 14, 2006.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Notice

**DATE:** Weeks of September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006.

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

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Week of September 18, 2006

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 18, 2006.

#### Week of September 25, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 25, 2006.

#### Week of October 2, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 2, 2006.

#### Week of October 9, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 9, 2006.

#### Week of October 16, 2006—Tentative

*Monday, October 16, 2006*

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of New Reactor Issues—Combined Operating Licenses (COLS) (morning session).

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Status of New Reactor Issues—Combined Operating Licenses (COLS) (afternoon session). (Public Meetings) (Contact: Dave Matthews, 301-415-1199).

These meetings will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

*Friday, October 20, 2006*

2:30 p.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7630).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

#### Week of October 23, 2006—Tentative

*Wednesday, October 25, 2006*

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Institutionalization and Integration of Agency Lessons Learned (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Lamb, 301-415-1727).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Resolution of GSI-191, Assessment of Debris