

attend the meeting and/or make public comment should contact Stella Price at (202) 395-3617 to arrange building access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Linda V. Priebe, (202) 395-6622.

Dated: June 23, 2003.

Linda V. Priebe,

Assistant General Counsel.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Labor Relations Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Office of the General Counsel, in accordance with section 3506(C)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, plans to request approval for the use of NLRB Form 4560, Supplemental Statement Application for Professional Position in the Office of the General Counsel. Using this form will substantially reduce the number of hours currently expended to review applications received for the positions of attorneys and field examiners in the office of the General Counsel.

Currently, applications are received in various forms, e.g., SF-171, SF-612, and resumes.

As a result, required information is not easily obtained and requested information necessary to the Agency's review may be missing altogether. By providing a standard format, all information necessary to the Agency's review would be addressed and in a consistent format that would facilitate and streamline that review.

Application forms, such as the SF-171 and SF-612, and resumes do not address a very important question that is included on the Supplemental Statement. Specifically, information concerning a candidate that would create an actual or apparent conflict of interest for assignment to a particular office because of a family and/or personal relationship with someone outside the NLRB who regularly does business with that particular NLRB office.

Receiving this information as part of the application package would prevent assignments to offices where these situations may exist.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before August 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to the National Labor Relations Board, Library and Administrative Services Branch, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20570-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tommie Gregg, Sr., Records Management and Anthony Wonkovich, Human Resources, at address shown above; by telephone at (202) 273-2833, (202) 237-3982; or by facsimile at (202) 273-4286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comment is requested on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including, whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: June 23, 2003.

By direction of the Board.

Lester A. Heltzer,

Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 12107 and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by OMB within 30 days of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NSF, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of NSF's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of IGERT recipients.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) program was initiated in 1997 and now comprises approximately 100 award sites. The IGERT program has been developed to meet the challenges of educating U.S. Ph.D. scientists, engineers, and educators with the interdisciplinary backgrounds, deep knowledge in chosen disciplines, and technical, professional, and personal skills to become in their own careers the leaders and creative agents for change. The program is intended to catalyze a

cultural change in graduate education, for students, faculty, and institutions, by establishing innovative new models for graduate education and training in a fertile environment for collaborative research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. It is also intended to facilitate greater diversity in student participation and preparation, and to contribute to the development of a diverse, globally-engaged science and engineering workforce. As part of this endeavor, IGERT awardees are expected to integrate instruction in ethics and the responsible conduct of research into their training programs. However, no mechanism is currently in place to determine: (1) Whether such instruction occurs once the award is made, and (2) whether such instruction meets its goals. Thus, the NSF would like to survey IGERT recipients to answer the above questions.

Proposed Project

IGERT awardees will be invited, via email correspondence, to access a web-based survey document by a given date. This survey encompasses 22 questions, some with multiple parts, and is designed to assess the presence and relative strengths and weaknesses of any ethics training programs offered as part of the IGERT program at the awardee's institution.

Use of the Information: The results of the survey will be used to update Program Announcements and annual report requirements to reflect NSF's desire to promote the development of ethically trained scientists. Any additional reports developed with the survey results will be distributed to all IGERT awardees.

Estimate of Burden: 60 minutes per respondent, for 100 respondents, totaling 100 hours.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: 1.

Dated: June 24, 2003.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic

Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 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 July 28, 2003. 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 95-5411), 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 Specialty Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant: Permit Application No. 2004-006*

Eric Chiang, Head, Polar Research Support Section, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas

The applicant proposes to conduct recreational and educational visits, by authorized U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP) participants, to the following areas: ASPA #154—Cape Evans, including Scott's Hut; ASPA #158—Cape Adare, including the historic huts; ASPA #156—Cape Royds, including Shackleton's Hut; and ASPA #157—Discovery Hut (Hut Point). McMurdo Station is located on Hut Point, Ross

Island, and is in very close proximity to several historic huts, especially Discovery Hut, which sits adjacent to the station. Access to the huts will be by tracked vehicle, helicopter, or on foot as appropriate. All visits will be conducted in accordance with the management plans for the specific sites. In addition, procedures for monitoring numbers of USAP visitors throughout the season will be implemented.

In addition, the applicant proposes entry to ASPA #122 (Arrival Heights), by authorized U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP) participants, for the purpose of monitoring sensitive scientific equipment installed to record signals associated with upper atmospheric programs, and other essential local communications equipment as described in the Management Plan.

Location

ASPA #154—Cape Evans, including Scott's Hut; ASPA #158—Cape Adare, including the historic huts; ASPA #156—Cape Royds, including Shackleton's Hut; ASPA #157—Discovery Hut, Hut Point; and, ASPA #122 Arrival Heights, Ross Island.

Dates: October 1, 2003–September 30, 2008

2. *Applicant: Permit Application No. 2004-007*

Grant Ballard, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant proposes to collect up to 10 specimens of a lichen discovered in Antarctica that may be a new species. The specimens will be brought back to the United States for further analysis and identification. Approximately half of the samples will be shipped from the U.S. to foreign lichen experts for collaboration on identification. Any remaining samples will be deposited to the California Academy of Sciences botanical collection.

Location

Igloo Spur (near Cape Crozier), Ross Island

Dates: November 10, 2003 to February 1, 2004

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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