

Government under an express promise of confidentiality, or, prior to the effective date of this section, under an implied promise of confidentiality;

(e) Records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 3056 are, under the authority of section (k)(3), exempt from disclosure (section (d));

(f) Records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records are, under the authority of section (k)(4), exempt from disclosure (section (d));

(g) Records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are investigatory in nature and compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for federal civilian employment, military service, federal contracts, or access to classified information are, under the authority of section (k)(5), exempt from disclosure (section (d)); provided that and only to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the United States Government under an express promise of confidentiality, or, prior to the effective date of this section, under an implied promise of confidentiality;

(h) And, records or portions of records in the physical custody of NACIC which are testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the federal service are, under the authority of section (k)(6), exempt from disclosure (section (d)); provided that and only to the extent that disclosure would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process.

Michael Waguespack,

Director, National Counterintelligence Center.

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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 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 29, 1997, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on September 25, 1997 to the following applicants:

Art DeVries—Permit No. 98-007
Ian Whillans—Permit No. 98-008
Theodore Day—Permit No. 98-009
Bill J. Baker—Permit No. 98-011
Donald B. Siniff—Permit Nos. 98-012 and 98-013

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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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 of 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 these permit applications by October 27, 1997. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the 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) 306-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The application received is follows:

1. **Applicant:** Brenda Hall and George Denton, Institute of Quaternary Studies, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469-5790. Permit Application No. 98-014

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Site of Special Scientific Interest

The applicants are carrying out a large mapping project to determine the former extent of a grounded ice sheet in the Ross Sea during the last glacial maximum (LGM). Much of the work has been concentrated on the Dry Valley regions where lobes of the grounded Ross Sea Ice Sheet flowed inland into the mouths of the valleys. Barwick Valley (SSSI #3) was last mapped in the 1960's. According to that work, inland ice advanced down Barwick Valley simultaneously with ice advance into Lower Victoria Valley from the Ross Sea. The Lower Victoria Valley deposits indicate the presence of a lake, not an ice tongue. Based on descriptions of Barwick Valley deposits from previous mapping and observations during last season's reconnaissance, the applicants believe a lake may have also extended into this area. The applicants have identified lacustrine sediments in Barwick Valley. A radiocarbon date of a fossil algae sample yielded an age of about 12,500 ¹⁴C yr. B.P. for a high lake, similar to the age of a high lake in Victoria Valley. The lacustrine deposits may reflect the presence of lake that was part of a much larger lake that filled Victoria Valley. The applicants plan to make detailed measurements of the elevation of the lacustrine deposits in Barwick Valley, as well as collect tiny samples of fossil algae and carbonates for radiocarbon dating.

Work in the Barwick Valley will primarily involve mapping. Samples will be collected from key high-elevation lacustrine deposits to obtain fossil algae and carbonates in order to construct a radiocarbon chronology for lake level variation. The samples will be collected from 10 cm × 10 cm areas and all surface material will be replaced.