

The applicants plan to backpack into Barwick Valley by foot from the Victoria Valley and will camp there for a 2–3 day period.

*Location:* McMurdo Station, Ross Island, Antarctica.

*Dates:* October 20, 1976–February 15, 1998.

2. *Applicant:* Frederick W. Taylor, Sr., Institute for Geophysics, The University of Texas at Austin, 4412 Spicewood Springs Road, #600, Austin, TX 78759–8500. Permit Application: 98–015

#### *Activity for Which Permit is Requested*

##### Enter Specially Protected Area

The applicant requests to enter the Byers Peninsula, Specially Protected Area (SPA #3), in order to install a Global Positioning System (GPS) to obtain data by passive electronic recording. The Global Positioning System (GPS) will be used to measure horizontal tectonic motion of the Snow Island-Livingston Island—King George Island block relative to the Antarctic Peninsula and relative to sites in South America. The floor of the Bransfield Strait is spreading causing an increase in the distance between this block and the Antarctic Peninsula at an unknown rate. There are other active tectonic boundaries between the Shetland Islands and South America across which rates of motion are also not known. The rates of ongoing motion of the Snow Island to the King George block and the role it plays in the interactions of small tectonic plates lying between South America and Antarctica are essential to understanding regional tectonic relationships.

The applicant plans to camp at the site for a 3–4 day period over the next several years. All items will be removed from the site, except for a GPS marker, the six anchor bolts and the witness post. By returning to each site two or more times over the next several years, the applicant can remeasure distances between sites, determine how much the distances have changed, and calculate rates and directions of motion for small and large tectonic plates in the region.

*Location:* Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

*Dates:* December 1, 1997–December 31, 2000.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO); 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:* Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO) (1110).

*Date and Time:* October 20, 1997, 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; October 21, 1997; 8:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Tel No.: (703) 306–1400.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

*Agenda:* Long-Term Planning.

*Dated:* September 29, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Processes; 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:* Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Process—(5138) (Panel B).

*Date and Time:* Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 22–24, 1997 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 310, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Susan Porter Ridley, Assistant Program Manager for Biochemistry of Gene Expression, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306–1441).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Biochemistry of Gene Expression Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

*Dated:* September 29, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function; 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:* Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function—(1134) (Panel B).

*Date and Time:* Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 20, 21, and 22, 1997 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 360, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Drs. Kamal Shukla & Dagmar Ringe, Program Directors for Molecular Biophysics, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306–1444).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Molecular Biophysics Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Cell Biology; 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.