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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Waste Permit Application Received

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit application received under the Antarctic Conservation Act and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for the United States Antarctic Program (USAP), 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 on or before June 25, 1999. The permit 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: Joyce A. Jatko or Arthur J. Brown at the above address or at (703) 306-1032.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Antarctic Waste Regulations in 45 CFR Part 671 require U.S. citizens, corporations, or other entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of designated pollutants in Antarctica and for the release of any waste in Antarctic. NSF has received a permit application under this regulation for USAP activities in Antarctica. The permit applicant is: Antarctic Support Associates, 61 Inverness Drive East, Suite 300, Englewood, CO 80112.

The permit application applies to USAP activities conducted by all supporting organizations at all USAP facilities and operations in Antarctica. The proposed duration of the permit is from October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2004.

Antarctic Support Associates (ASA) and other supporting organizations provide broadbased logistical support, technical support, and transportation services to the USAP. This includes the transport of both hazardous and non-

hazardous waste from Antarctica to the United States.

ASA operations include procuring, transporting to Antarctica, and tracking materials containing designated pollutants that are required for USAP operations, and for NSF and NSF grantees. ASA is also responsible for fuel operations including fuel storage, distribution, and resupply; and record-keeping of fuel use. ASA collects, stores, and ships both hazardous and non-hazardous waste materials and is responsible for the final disposition of these materials once they are returned to the United States. ASA also provides training and technical guidance to enhance the safety and effectiveness of U.S. waste management practices in Antarctica.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for the review and approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* Voluntary Reporting of Performance Indicators
2. *Current OMB approval number:* New Collection
3. *How often the collection is required:* One-time collection and quarterly thereafter
4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Power reactor licensees
5. *The number of annual respondents:* 66 reactor sites
6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 13,860 hours (210 hours per site), and a one-time start-up effort of 13,200 hours

7. *Abstract:* As part of a joint industry-NRC initiative, the NRC plans to receive information submitted voluntarily by power reactor licensees regarding selected performance attributes known as performance indicators (PIs). PIs provide objective measures of the performance of licensees' systems or programs. The NRC is revising its reactor oversight process to use PI information, along with the results of selected audits and inspections, as the basis for NRC conclusions regarding plant performance and necessary regulatory response. PIs will be transmitted electronically to reduce burden on licensees and the NRC as part of the NRC's revised oversight process which is scheduled for implementation beginning in January 2000.

Submit, by July 26, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC Home Page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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