

*Estimated Hours Per Request:* 470 hrs.  
*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:*  
188,000.  
*Frequency of Report:* Semi-annually.

**David B. Nelson,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Conservation of Antarctic Animals and Plants

**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 pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications on or before March 10, 2000. The 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:** Joyce Jatko, Environmental Officer, at the above address or (703) 306-1032.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Raytheon Polar Services Company, a business unit of Raytheon Technical Services Company, is in the phase-in period for assuming responsibility for the contract to provide operations support to the United States Antarctic Program. As part of that support, Raytheon personnel will be required to engage in activities that require permitting under the Antarctic Conservation Act. Five separate permit applications have been submitted, as follows:

1. Entry into Antarctic Specially Protected Area 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, Palmer Archipelago, for inspection and re-supply of the survival cache;
2. Entry into Antarctic Specially Protected Area 137, Northwest White Island, McMurdo Sound, for access to and maintenance of Black Island INMARSAT transmitting and receiving equipment;
3. Entry into Antarctic Specially Protected Area 128, Western Shore of

Admiralty Bay, King George Island, for movement of personnel and supplies to and from the U.S. research station known as Copacabana;

4. Taking associated with removing penguins, seals and skuas from McMurdo Station and associated airfields to ensure safety of operations and protection of the animals;

5. Taking associated with removing penguins, seals and other birds from the Palmer Station pier to ensure safety of operations and protection of the animals.

The permit applicant is: Raytheon Polar Services Company, 16800 E. CentreTech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9646. The proposed duration of each permit is from April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2005.

**Joyce A. Jatko,**

*Acting Permit Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Modifications Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation modified a permit to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Jatko, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT AND MODIFICATION:** On September 25, 1998, the National Science Foundation issued a permit (ACA #99-010) to Dr. Rennie S. Holt after posting a notice in the August 27, 1998 **Federal Register**. No public comments were received. A request to modify the permit was posted in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 1999. No public comments were received. The modification, issued by the Foundation on January 27, 2000, allows for tooth extraction from up to 100 adult Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*) per year for age determination. The tooth extractions will be taken from animals already captured for other permitted procedures. This is part of an ongoing study of Antarctic fur seals by the U.S. Antarctic Marine Living Resources (AMLR) Program.

**LOCATION:** Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (ASPA #149), the South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula.

**DATES:** January 10, 2000-April 1, 2001.

**Joyce Jatko,**

*Acting Permit Officer.*

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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 OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued 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:* "Reports Concerning Possible Non-Routine Emergency Generic Problems".

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0012.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Nuclear power plant and materials applicants and licensees.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 203 (103 reactor licensees; 100 materials licensees).

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 43,260 (420 hours per reactor licensee respondent); 10,000 (100 hours per materials licensee respondent).

7. *Abstract:* NRC is requesting approval authority to collect information concerning non-routine, emergency generic problems which would require prompt action from NRC to preclude potential threats to public health and safety.

Submit, by April 10, 2000, 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 worldwide 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 [BJJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of February 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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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 OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued 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:* 10 CFR part 60—"Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories".

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0127.

3. *How often the collection is required:* The information need only be submitted one time.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* State or Indian Tribes, or their representatives, requesting consultation with the NRC staff regarding review of a potential high-level waste geologic

repository site, or wishing to participate in a license application review for a potential geologic repository.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* Two.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* An average of 40 hours per response for consultation requests, 80 hours per response for license application review participation proposals, and 1 hour per response for statements of representative authority. The total burden for all responses is estimated to be 242 hours.

7. *Abstract:* Part 60 requires States and Indian Tribes to submit certain information to the NRC if they request consultation with the NRC staff concerning the review of a potential repository site, or wish to participate in a license application review for a potential repository. Representatives of States or Indian Tribes must submit a statement of their authority to act in such a representative capacity. The information submitted by the States and Indian Tribes is used by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards as a basis for decisions about the commitment of NRC staff resources to the consultation and participation efforts. On February 22, 1999, the Commission proposed to modify its generic criteria for disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive wastes in geologic repositories at 10 CFR part 60 to make clear that they will not apply, nor be the subject of litigation, in any NRC licensing proceeding for a repository at Yucca Mountain (64 FR 8639). Information collection requirements applicable to the licensing of a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain were proposed at that time, in 10 CFR part 63, and will be issued later this year.

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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?

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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 E 6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at (301) 415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of February, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Public Comment on the Allegations Program Under the New Regulatory Oversight Program

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has proposed significant revisions to its process for overseeing the safety performance of commercial nuclear power plants that include the inspection, assessment, and enforcement program. As part of its proposal, the NRC staff established a new regulatory oversight framework with a set of performance indicators and associated thresholds, developed a new baseline inspection program that supplements and verifies the performance indicators, and created a continuous assessment process that includes a method for consistently determining the appropriate regulatory actions in response to varying levels of safety performance. The NRC also has a long established allegation program to provide a mechanism for individuals to identify safety and regulatory issues directly to the NRC. The NRC is soliciting comments from interested public interest groups, the regulated industry, States, and concerned citizens as to the functioning of the allegation process under the new reactor regulatory oversight program. The NRC staff will consider comments it receives in determining how the agency will pursue structuring the allegation program under the new reactor oversight process. At the conclusion of