

**Record keeping:** States are required to follow their State laws regarding public record retention in retaining BAM paid and denied claims records.

**Affected Public:** Individuals; Businesses; Other for-profit/not-for-profit organizations; Farms; Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Governmental entities.

**Frequency:** Weekly.

**Total Respondents:** 1,395 per week (includes claimants, employers, third parties, and SESA BAM/DCA staff).

**Total Responses:** 72,540 per year (52 State Agencies/1,395 per State; includes claimants, employers, third parties, and SESA DCA staff).

**Estimated Time Per Response:**

Claimant—0.5 hours; Employers and Third Parties—0.5 hours; SESA BAM/DCA staff—6.67 hours.

**Total Burden Hours:** 180,375 hours.

**Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):** \$1,014,000 (52 State Agencies/\$19,500 per State).

**Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):** \$4,264,000 (annual) (approximately \$82,000 per State).

Comments submitted in response to this request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on September 26, 2000.

**Grace A. Kilbane,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*  
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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Modification Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued 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 a requested permit modification.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application on or before November 2, 2000. 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:** 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 95-541), 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.

**DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT MODIFICATION**

**REQUESTED:** The Foundation issued a permit (2000-004) to Dr. Paul J. Ponganis on September 21, 1999. The issued permit allows the applicant to capture up to 60 Emperor adults and 55 Emperor chicks for collection of samples and application of various depth recorders, physiological recorders or video cameras to study the thermoregulation and underwater behavior of Emperor penguins.

The applicant proposes to access the Cape Crozier Antarctic Specially Protected Area #124 to census Emperor penguin chicks.

**LOCATION:** ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island.

Dates: November 15, 2000 to February 28, 2002.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF)

has received a waste management permit application for operation of a remote field support and emergency provisions for the Expedition Vessel, Kapitan Dranitsyn for the 2000-2001 season and four following austral summers. The application is 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 November 2, 2000. 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 A. Jatko or Nadene Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NSF's Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR Part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for operation of up to nine expeditions per year to Antarctica. During each trip, passengers are taken ashore at selected sites by Zodiac (rubber raft) or helicopter for approximately two to four hours at a time. On each helicopters landing, emergency gear would be taken ashore in case weather deteriorates and passengers are required to camp on shore. Anything taken ashore will be removed from Antarctica and disposed of in Ushuaia, Argentina, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, or a substitute port of disembarkation. No hazardous domestic products or wastes (aerosol cans, paints, solvents, etc.) will be brought ashore. Cooking stoves/fuel will be used only in an emergency were passengers are forced to spend night on shore.

Conditions of the permit would include requirements to report on the removal of materials and any accidental releases, and management of all waste, including human waste, in accordance with Antarctic waste regulations.

Applications for the permit is made by: Lars Winkander, Quark Expeditions, Inc., 980 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.

**LOCATION:** Antarctic Peninsula Area.