

training and technical guidance to enhance the safety and effectiveness of U.S. waste management practices in Antarctica.

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 at 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 this permit application by September 8, 2004. This 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:

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 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations established such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2005-011.

1. Applicant: Scott Borg, Section Head, Antarctic Science Section, Office of

Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Activity for Which Permit is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter Arrival Heights (ASPAs #122 to continue scientific projects already in place, and to conduct projects added during the term of this permit following separate initial environmental review. Principal investigators and their teams will work on projects that include, but not limited to operation of an ELF/VLF receiver, riometer and magnetometer for studies of the earth's magnetic field and ionosphere, high latitude neutral mesospheric and thermospheric dynamics, UV monitoring, aerosols investigations, and pollution surveys. Cray Lab science technicians will access the site daily for equipment monitoring, data acquisition, calibrations, and repairs. In addition, personnel will enter the site to monitor and maintain or repair weather equipment, and personnel from Facilities Engineering and Maintenance may be called upon to perform maintenance or repair functions at the facilities within the ASPA.

Location: Arrival Heights, Ross Island, Antarctica (ASPAs #122).

Dates: October 1, 2004 to September 31, 2009.

Permit Application No. 2005-012.

2. Applicant: Yu-Ping Chin, Department of Geological Sciences, The Ohio State University, 275 Mendenhall Laboratory, 125 South Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1308.

Activity for Which Permit is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plan to Cape Royds (ASPAs #121) and Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASPAs #157) to access Pony Lake and collect water samples and install monitoring equipment. The samples will be used to study the biogeochemistry of dissolved organic material. The applicant will work closely with an ornithologist working at the site to ensure non-interference with rookery activities.

Location: Cape Royds, Ross Island (ASPAs #121) and Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds Ross Island (ASPAs #157).

Dates: November 01, 2004 to January 31, 2006.

Permit Application No. 2005-013.

3. Applicant: Rennie S. Holt, Director, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038.

Activity for Which Permit is

Requested: Take, Enter Antarctic

Specially Protected Area, and Import into the U.S. The applicant proposes to enter Cape Sheriff (ASPAs #149) to capture up to 30 adult and 50 juvenile Southern Elephant Seals (*Mirounga leonina*) in order to tag, dye mark, collect blood samples, weigh, conduct morphometric measurements, collect muscle biopsies and instrument with TDR's, and/or ARGOS linked PTT's and VHF's. Data collected will be taken back to the United States. The data and samples will be used to determine the relationship of specific foraging behaviors and habitat utilization.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula region, South Shetland Islands vicinity: Cape Sheriff, Livingston Island (ASPAs #149), and including San Telmo Islands.

Dates: November 15, 2004—April 30, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting.

September 2, 2004.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2004.

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Hearing open to the Public at 2 p.m.

PURPOSE: Annual Public Hearing in conjunction with each meeting of OPIC's Board of Directors, to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

PROCEDURES: Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2004. The notice must include the individual's name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2004. Such

statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at cdown@opic.gov.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

Submission for OMB Clearance and Review; Comment Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: OPM Form 1300, Presidential Management Fellows Program Online Application and Resume Builder, OMB No. 3206-0082

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance and review of a revision of a currently approved collection for the OPM Form 1300, Presidential Management Fellows Program Online Application and Resume Builder. Approval of this form is necessary to facilitate the timely nomination, selection and placement of Presidential Management Fellows finalists in Federal agencies.

On November 21, 2003, the President signed Executive Order 13318, "modernizing" the Presidential Management Intern (PMI) Program, in keeping with his emphasis on the strategic management of the Federal Government's human capital. The Executive order renamed the PMI Program to the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program to better reflect

its high standards, rigor, and prestige. It is designed to attract to the Federal service outstanding graduate students from a wide variety of academic disciplines who demonstrate an exceptional ability for, as well as a clear interest in and commitment to, leadership in the analysis and management of public policies and programs. The Executive order charges the Director of OPM with developing, managing, and evaluating the PMF Program and with providing for an orderly transition from the PMI Program to the PMF Program.

The present OPM Form 1300, PMF Online Application and Resume Builder, is an online electronic form. Graduate students must fill out the form, including resume information, and submit it along with the school nomination official's information. With prior OMB approval, the online application and resume builder replaced the previous scan-form used prior to 2004, and OPM transferred the form identifier of OPM Form 1300 to the online version. An alternative paper-based application will be made available for those applicants with disabilities and/or inability to access the Internet. As a result of automating the OPM Form 1300 for the 2003/2004 open season last year, OPM met Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) requirements to automate this form by October 2003.

The 60-day Federal Register Notice was published on March 26, 2004 [FR Doc. 04-6791] to request comments. No comments were received. The following changes have been made to the application: (1) Revised all content to reflect new name of PMF Program, (2) increased functionality as a result of feedback from stakeholders, and (3) revised formatting for user-friendliness and efficiency.

We estimate 5,000 applications will be received and processed in the 2004/2005 open season for PMF applications. We estimate students will need two hours to complete the online application and resume builder and electronically submit it to their nominating school official. In addition, we estimate school nominating officials will need one-half hour to receive, review and render a decision on the student's application for nomination into the PMF program. The annual estimated burden for nominees is 10,000 hours and 2,500 hours for school nominating officials, for a total of 12,500 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at (202) 606-8358, fax (202) 418-3251 or e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include

your complete mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management,
ATTN: Rob Timmins, 1900 E Street,
NW., Room 1425, Washington, DC
20415-9820, Email:
rob.timmins@opm.gov
and

Office of Management and Budget,
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, ATTN: Joseph F. Lackey,
OPM Desk Officer, New Executive
Office Building, NW., Room 10235,
Washington, DC 20503.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Filings and
Information Services, Washington, DC
20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-4, SEC File No. 270-232, OMB
Control No. 3235-0225.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Section 17(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act")¹ permits registered management investment companies and their custodians to deposit the securities they own in a system for the central handling of securities ("securities depositories"), subject to rules adopted by the Commission. Rule 17f-4 under the Act specifies the conditions for the use of securities depositories by funds² and custodians.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80a.

² As amended in 2003, rule 17f-4 permits any registered investment company, including a unit