

receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via e-mail or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Ziegler, Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Davis-Bacon and related Acts (DBRA) require the application of Davis-Bacon labor standards to Federal and Federally assisted construction. The Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 3145) requires the Secretary of Labor to prescribe reasonable regulations for contractors and subcontractors engaged in construction work subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards. While the Federal contracting or assistance-administering agencies have a primary responsibility for enforcement of Davis-Bacon labor standards, Reorganization Plan Number 14 of 1950 assigns to the Secretary of Labor responsibility for developing government-wide policies, interpretations and procedures to be observed by the contracting and assisting agencies, in order to assure coordination of administration and consistency of DBRA enforcement.

The Copeland Act provision cited above specifically requires the regulations to "include a provision that each contractor and subcontractor each week must furnish a statement on the wages paid each employee during the prior week." This requirement is implemented by 29 CFR 3.3 and 3.4 and the standard Davis-Bacon contract clauses set forth at 29 CFR 5.5. Regulations 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(3)(ii)(A) requires contractors to submit weekly a copy of all payrolls to the Federal agency contracting for or financing the construction project. If the agency is not a party to the contract, the contractor will submit the payrolls to the

applicant, sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the contracting agency. This same section requires that the payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals, and instead, the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347.pdf>.

Regulations 29 CFR 3.3(b) requires each contractor to furnish weekly a signed "Statement of Compliance" accompanying the payroll indicating the payrolls are correct and complete and that each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the proper Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) prevailing wage rate for the work performed. The weekly submission of a properly executed certification, with the prescribed language set forth on page 2 of Optional Form WH-347, satisfies the requirement for submission of the required "Statement of Compliance. Id. at §§ 3.3(b), 3.4(b), and 5.5(a)(3)(ii)(B). Regulations 29 CFR 3.4(b) and 5.5(a)(3)(i) require contractors to maintain these records for three years after completion of the work.

II. Review Focus: The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions: The DOL seeks an approval for the extension of this

information collection requirement that contractors and subcontractors on Federal and Federally assisted construction subject to DBRA labor standards submit weekly certified payrolls in accordance with the statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements discussed herein.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Wage and Hour Division.

Title: Davis-Bacon Certified Payroll.

OMB Number: 1235-0008.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 96,096.

Total Annual Responses: 2,210,208.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

2,062,861.

Estimated Time per Response: 56 minutes.

Frequency: Weekly.

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): \$48,580,377.

Total Burden Costs (Operation/Maintenance): \$280,697.

Dated: August 1, 2011.

Mary Ziegler,

Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation.

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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 field research camp located in ASPA #128—Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island by the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA. 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 within September 7, 2011. 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: Dr. Polly A. Penhale 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 remote research field camp at ASPA #128—Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island. The camp consists of four structures on the beach between Llano Point and Sphinx Hill which has been in use during the summer since 1977. The camp is used to house researchers (typically 6 people), provide a base of research operations, and allow laboratory studies. Biological investigation is the primary research conducted from the camp.

Designated pollutants would be associated with camp operations [typically air emissions and waste water (urine, greywater, and human solid waste)] and scientific activities (typically research materials). All wastes would be packaged and removed from the site for proper disposal in Chile or the U.S. under approved guidelines prior to the end of each season.

The permit applicant is: George Watters, Director, US AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Service, NOAA, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 Permit application No. 2012 WM-002.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

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 7, 2011. 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: Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

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 a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Permit Application ASPA 2012-005, George Watters, Director, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take, Enter an Antarctic Specially Protected Area, and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to census, photo, capture/restrain, measure, weigh, tag, instrument (TDR, VHF, GLS, GPS, PTT, and/or PIT), anesthesia, sample collection (blood, hair, nail, fecal, skin biopsy, vibrissae, tooth, milk, scat, and IV/IM injections (including DLW) up to 200 adult/ juvenile and 600 pup Antarctic fur seals, 50 adult/juvenile Leopard seals, 50 adult/juvenile and 100 pup Southern elephant seals, and 30 adult/juvenile and 20 pup Weddell seals as part of a long-term ecosystem monitoring program established in 1986 studying the foraging ecology, population dynamics, census and reproductive success and energetic of Antarctic seals.

In addition, the applicant will continue studies of the behavioral ecology and population biology of the Adelie, Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins, and interactions among these species and their principal avian predators (skuas, gulls, sheathbills and giant

petrels). Up to 2000 Chinstraps, 1500 Adelie, 2700 Gentoo penguins, 250 Brown skua, 350 South polar skua, 600 Giant petrel, 100 Kelp gulls, 150 Blue-eyed shag, 20 Snowy sheathbills, and 200 Cape Petrels will be banded, measured, eggs collected, blood sampled, fecal and feathers sampled. After sample collection, all birds will be released.

Location:

ASPA 149, Cape Shirreff and San Telmo Island,
ASPA 128, Western Shore of Admiralty Bay,
ASPA 151, Lions Rump, Antarctic Peninsula region,
ASPA 108, Green Island, Berthelot Islands, Antarctic Peninsula,
ASPA 112, Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island,
ASPA 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, Palmer Archipelago,
ASPA 125, Fildes Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 126, Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 128, Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island,
ASPA 132, Potter Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 133, Harmony Point, Nelson Island, South Shetland Island,
ASPA 134, Cierva Point offshore islands, Danco Coast, Antarctic Peninsula,
ASPA 139, Biscoe Point, Anvers Island,
ASPA 140, Shores of Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 144, Chile Bay (Discovery Bay),
ASPA 145, Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 146, South Bay, Doumer Island, Palmer Archipelago,
ASPA 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula,
ASPA 149, Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 150, Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay, King George Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 151, Lions Rump, King George Island, South Shetland Islands,
ASPA 152, Western Bransfield Strait, Antarctic Peninsula,
ASPA 153, East Dallmann Bay, Antarctic Peninsula,
ASPA 171, Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula, King George Island.

Dates: October 1, 2011 to July 30, 2016.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.
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