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Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Human Resource Development; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Site Visit; Proposal Review Panel Human Resource Development (#1199).

Date/Time:

November 1, 2011; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

November 2-3, 2011; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Place: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Person: Kelly Mack, Division of Human Resource Development, Room 815, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA (703) 292-8575.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF site visit to conduct a renewal review during year 3 of the award period as stipulated in the cooperative agreement.

Agenda: To conduct an in depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

Tuesday, November 1

5 p.m.—10 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

Wednesday, November 2

8:30 a.m.—12 Noon Open—Program Presentation.

1 p.m.—6 p.m. Closed—Interviews with Selected Institutional Staff.

Thursday, November 3

8:30 a.m.—12 Noon Closed—Interviews with Selected Institutional Staff.

1 p.m.—6 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, review and drafting site visit report.

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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 Quark Expeditions' cruise ships to conduct a number of activities, including: shore excursions via zodiac or helicopter, camping ashore or extended stays, mountaineering, kayaking, helicopter flight seeing/emergency landings, and skiing. The application is submitted by Quark Expeditions of Waterbury, Vermont and 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 October 31, 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 conduct of activities such as shore excursions, helicopter landings, camping, where emergency provisions will be taken ashore that would include cook stoves, fuel, radios, batteries, etc. and may include the generation of waste. In addition, mountaineering activities that would include use of emergency provisions, crampons, ice axes, climbing harnesses, carabiners, and prusik slings.

Designated pollutants that would be associated with the various excursions

are typically air emissions and waste water (urine, grey-water, and human solid waste). All wastes would be packaged and removed to the ship(s) for proper disposal in Chile or the U.S. under approved guidelines prior to the end of each season.

The permit: Eric Stangeland, Executive VP Operations, Quark Expeditions, Inc., Waterbury, VT Permit application No. 2012 WM-004.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan Public Comment Period

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Announcement of strategic plan outline and public comment period.

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that the public comment period for the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) Strategic Plan is now open. Every ten years, in accordance with the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (Sec 104, Pub. L. 101-606), the USGCRP must produce a 10 year National Global Change Research Plan (*i.e.* a Strategic Plan for the USGCRP). The public comment period invites the public to provide comments and feedback on the U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan.

DATES: Public Comments are due by November 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: To download the draft Strategic Plan, visit: <http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov>. Respondents are encouraged to submit comments through the same Web site. Comments may also be sent to strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov. Detailed instructions for electronic mail submissions are also available at http://strategicplancomments.globalchange.gov/email_guidelines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any questions about the content of this request should be sent to Dr. Julie Morris, Technical Coordinator for the Strategic Plan, U.S. Global Change Research Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone (202) 223-6262, Fax (202) 223-3065, e-mail strategicplancomments@usgcrp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Strategic Plan Goals: The following goals frame the U.S. Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Advance Science: Advance scientific knowledge of the integrated natural and human components of the Earth system.

Goal 2: Inform Decisions: Provide the scientific basis to inform and enable timely decisions on adaptation and mitigation.

Goal 3: Sustained Assessments: Build sustained assessment capacity that improves the nation's ability to understand, anticipate, and respond to global change impacts and vulnerabilities.

Goal 4: Communicate and Educate: Advance communications and education to broaden public understanding of global change, and empower the workforce of the future.

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Suzanne Plimpton,

Records Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8102, NRC-2011-0231]

Notice of Application from ExxonMobil Corporation, Highland Uranium Mine and Millsite, To Amend Existing Alternate Concentration Limits and Extend the NRC Long-Term Surveillance Boundary With Respect to Materials License SUA-1139

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of amendment and opportunity to provide comments, to request a hearing, and to petition for leave to intervene.

DATES: Submit comments by November 29, 2011. Requests for a hearing or leave to intervene must be filed by November 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0231 in the subject line of your comments. For additional instructions on submitting comments and instructions on accessing documents related to this action, see "Submitting Comments and Accessing Information" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2011-0231. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: 301-492-3668; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, *Mail Stop:* TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301-492-3446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Comments and Accessing Information

Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

You can access publicly available documents related to this document using the following methods:

- *NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):* The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resourcel@nrc.gov. The license amendment application is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML111360415.

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas McLaughlin, Project Manager, Materials Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone: 301-415-5869; fax number: 301-415-5369; e-mail: Thomas.McLaughlin@nrc.gov.

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated May 12, 2011, a license amendment application from ExxonMobil Corporation (ExxonMobil or Licensee), requesting to amend their existing alternate concentration limits and to extend the NRC Long-Term Surveillance Boundary at its Highland Uranium Mine and Mill site located in Converse County, Wyoming. License No. SUA-1139 authorizes the Licensee to possess byproduct material resulting from past operations of its Highland facility until site reclamation is adequate. The amendment provides a supplemental groundwater point of compliance (POC) well and new point of exposure monitoring locations and updates alternate concentration limits for uranium at some existing POC wells and at the proposed POC well. The amendment also proposes to expand the Long-Term Surveillance Boundary to include the Highland Pit Lake and the Southeast Drainage.

An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to ExxonMobil dated July 30, 2011, found the application acceptable to begin a technical review. If the NRC approves the amendment, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. SUA-1139. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

Requirements for hearing requests and petitions for leave to intervene are found in 10 CFR 2.309, "Hearing requests, Petitions to Intervene, Requirements for Standing, and Contentions." Interested persons should consult 10 CFR part 2, section 2.309, which is available at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at O1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 (or