DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Warheads and Energetics Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on November 04, 2011, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), National Warheads and Energetics Consortium (“NWEC”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Accurate Munition Systems, Inc., Austin, TX; Excellitas Technologies Sensors, Inc., Miamisburg, OH; Miltec Corporation, Huntsville, AL; Northrop Grumman Electron Systems—ISR Systems Division, Azusa, CA; Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation—acting through Northrop Grumman Information Systems sector, Defense Technologies Division, Herndon, VA; Phillips Plastic Corporation, Hudson, WI; R4 Incorporated, Eatontown, NJ; Technology Service Corporation, Silver Spring, MD; and TRAX International Corporation, Las Vegas, NV, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX; and Technikon, LLC, McClellan, CA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and NWEC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 2, 2000, NWEC filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 30, 2000 (65 FR 40693).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 9, 2011. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 23, 2011 (76 FR 16820).

Patricia A. Brink,
Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee For Biological Sciences; 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: Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (#1110).

Date and Time: December 15, 2011; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 16, 2011; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Chuck Liarakos, National Science Foundation, Room 605, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292–8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Items on the agenda include approval of the Committee of Visitors reports for the Divisions of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences and Integrated Organismal Systems, reports about NSF efforts to improve the merit review process, and discussions of fundamental biological research that is the basis for the 21st century bio-economy and the undergraduate and graduate biology education pipeline.

Dated: November 21, 2011.

Susanne Bolton,
Committee Management Officer.

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, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a 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 December 27, 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:

Permit Application: 2012–011

Applicant: Daniel P. Costa, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California—Santa Cruz. Long Marine Lab, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Permit Application: 2012–011

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter the Antarctic Specially Protect Areas of Cape Evans (ASPA 155), Backdoor Bay (ASPA 157), and Hut Point (ASPA 158) to collect 1 cm² samples of skin and fur, and 1 whisker from up to 50 dead seals caught during the early 1900’s by the explorers and found in around the historic huts located in these protected areas. Naturally occurring stable isotopes of carbon (Δ¹⁴C) and nitrogen (Δ¹⁵N) have been increasingly used to study trophic relationships and feeding habits of marine mammals, based on the
demonstration that isotopic ratios in tissue samples from a given species are correlated with those of the prey items included in the diet. As stable isotope composition does not change over time, the isotope signature of seals collected by the historic explorers early in the 20th century will reflect the diet of Weddell seals at that time. These data will be compared to the isotopic signature of Weddell seals in the Ross Sea today. Such data may provide evidence of a potential shift in the diet of this apex predator that might be indicative of ecosystem change.

Location
Cape Evans (ASPA 155), Backdoor Bay (ASPA 157), and Hut Point (ASPA 158).

Dates
December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

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

Notice of Availability of Combined License Applications

ACTION: Combined license applications; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is giving notice once each week for four consecutive weeks of combined license (COL) applications from Progress Energy Florida, Inc., Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., and Florida Power & Light Company.

ADDRESSES: You can access publicly available documents related to this action 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 email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession numbers for the initial application cover letters are as follows:
  ML073510494 for William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2;
  ML080580078 for Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3;
  ML082260277 for Levy Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2; and
  ML091830589 for Turkey Point Units 6 and 7.
- Federal Rulemaking Web Site: Public comments and supporting materials related to this action can be found at http://www.regulations.gov by searching on Docket ID NRC–2008–0170 (William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2), NRC–2008–0231 (Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3), NRC–2008–0558 (Levy Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2), and NRC–2009–0337 (Turkey Point Units 6 and 7).

Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: (301) 492–3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

The applications are also available at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/coll.html.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following parties have filed applications for COLs with the NRC, pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 52. “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants”:

1. On December 12, 2007, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, submitted an application for COLs for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors designated as William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 in Cherokee County, South Carolina.
2. On February 18, 2008, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., submitted an application for COLs for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors designated as Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3 in Wake County, North Carolina.
4. On June 30, 2009, Florida Power & Light Company submitted an application for COLs for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors designated as Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

These four applications are currently under review by the NRC staff.

An applicant may seek a COL in accordance with Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52. The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information, such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.77, as well as technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.79. These notices are being provided in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.43(a)(3).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of November 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jeffrey Cruz,
Chief, AP1000 Projects Branch 1, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission


AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Revision of draft interim staff guidance; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: On August 24, 2011, in the Federal Register (76 FR 52995), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested public comments on Draft License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance (LR–ISG), LR–ISG–2011–05, “Ongoing Review of Operating Experience.” This LR–ISG provides guidance and clarification concerning ongoing review of plant-specific and industry-wide operating experience as an attribute of aging management programs used at nuclear power plants. As noticed on September 20, 2011 (76 FR 58311), the public comment period was extended and, as of October 23, 2011, is now closed. However, since issuing the draft LR–ISG for public comment, the NRC has identified the need to incorporate additional guidance. As such, the NRC is re-issuing draft LR–ISG–2011–05 to request public comments on the changes.

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