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Patricia D. Rausch,

*Advisory Committee Management 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, 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 March 12, 2012. 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:* Robert A. Blanchette, University of Minnesota, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Permit Application: 2012-013.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Take and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to collect and transport fungi (mushrooms and other fruiting structures) for DNA extraction and taxonomic identification for investigations to better understand recycling organisms in the polar ecosystem. The applicant will also collect and transport soil samples to isolate soil microorganisms.

Location: Palmer Station vicinity, Anders Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates: February 2, 2012 to December 31, 2014.

2. *Applicant:* H. William Detrich, III, Department of Biology, 134 Mugar Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115.

Permit Application: 2012-014.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas and Introduce Non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 152-Western Bransfield Strait and ASPA 153-Eastern Dallmann Bay to capture Antarctic fish by trawling and trapping. The live fishes will be transported to the aquarium facilities at Palmer Station for experimentation. The applicant will use *Escherichia coli* strain BL21DE3 for the production of ³⁵S-labeled proteins to be used in protein folding assays in the continued analysis of a cold-functioning chaperonin protein folding system from testis tissue of the Antarctic fish.

Location: ASPA 152-Western Bransfield Strait and ASPA 153-Eastern Dallmann Bay, and Palmer Station, Anders Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates: March 21, 2012 to June 21, 2012.

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Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education; 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: Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

Dates: March 14, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; March 15, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Beth Zelenski, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

Agenda:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

- Update on NSF environmental research and education activities
- Update on national and international collaborations
- Meeting with the NSF Director

Thursday, March 15, 2012

- Update on NSF's Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability portfolio (SEES)

Dated: February 6, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; 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: Site visit review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC) at the University of Colorado by the Division of Materials Research (DMR) #1203.

Dates & Times: March 12, 2012; 7:15 a.m.–8:30 p.m., March 13, 2012; 7:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

Place: University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

Type of Meeting: Part open.

Contact Person: Dr. Mary Galvin-Donoghue, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-8562.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the MRSEC at the University of Colorado.

Agenda: Monday, March 12, 2012

- 7:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Open—Review of the MRSEC
 4:30 p.m.–6:20 p.m. Closed—Executive Session
 6:20 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Open—Dinner

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

7:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, Draft and Review Report

Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the MRSEC. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 6, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2011–0280]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment about our intention to request the OMB's approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is summarized below. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 7, "Application for NRC Export or Import License, Amendment, Renewal or Consent Request(s)."
2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0027.
3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion; for each separate export, import, amendment, renewal, or consent request.
4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export or import (a) nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of a specific license; (b) amend a license; (c) renew a license; and (d) obtain consent to export Category 1 quantities of materials listed in Appendix P to 10 CFR part 110.
5. *The number of annual respondents:* 120.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 288.

7. *Abstract:* Persons in the U.S. wishing to export or import nuclear material or equipment, who are required to obtain a specific license, amendment, license renewal or obtain consent to export Category 1 quantities of byproduct material listed in Appendix P to 10 CFR part 110. The NRC Form 7 application will be reviewed by the NRC and by the Executive Branch, and if applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy considerations are satisfied, the NRC will issue an export, import, amendment or renewal license.

Submit, by April 9, 2012, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the draft supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available for public inspection. 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. Comments submitted should reference Docket ID NRC–2011–0280.

You may submit your comments by any of the following methods. Electronic comments: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2011–0280. Mail comments to NRC Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell (T–5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell (T–5 F53), U.S. Nuclear

Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, by telephone at 301–415–6258, or by email to INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of February, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II portion of the regular annuity and any supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed fifty percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such