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**UPDATES AND POINT OF CONTACT:** Please refer to the National Science Board Web site [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb) for additional information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>. Point of contact for this meeting is: Lisa Nichols, National Science Board Office, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7000.

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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 July 13, 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. Garrott, Permit Application: 2013-007, Ecology Department, Montana State University, 310 Lewis Hall, Bozeman, MT 59715.

### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant plans to study the demographic consequences of environmental variability and individual heterogeneity in life-history tactics of Weddell seals in Erebus Bay, Antarctica. A breeding population of Weddell seals, a prominent Antarctic apex predator associated with fast ice, has been intensively studied in Erebus Bay at the southern extent of the Ross Sea since 1968. The study's broad objective is to evaluate how temporal variation in the marine environment affects a long-lived mammal's population dynamics. Up to 2,000 adult and pup Weddell seals will be approached to have their tags read. Smaller subsets of approximately 1,150 seals will be tagged or retagged, weighed, tissue sampled, and/or instrumented, then released. In addition, the applicant plans to salvage parts of dead animals encountered and remove vibrissae. The tissue samples will be collected from the margin of the rear flippers and will be imported into the U.S.A. for further study. DNA will be extracted from the samples and used to investigate individual heterogeneity.

The applicant plans to enter ASPA 137-North-west White Island twice annually to census and tag seals in the isolated colony. They also plan to enter ASPA 155-Cape Evans, ASPA 157 Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, ASPA 158-Hut Point, and ASPA 161-Terra Nova Bay should any of the study's seals should haul out in the those areas.

### Location

Erebus Bay, Ross Island vicinity; ASPA 137-North-west White Island; ASPA 155-Cape Evans; ASPA 157 Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds; ASPA 158-Hut Point; and ASPA 161-Terra Nova Bay.

### Dates

October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2017.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2011-0258]

### Final Alternative Soils Standards for the Uravan, CO, Uranium Mill

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Uranium milling alternative standards.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that on May 18, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) made a determination required by Section 274o of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), for Agreement State proposed alternative standards for 11e.(2) byproduct material. The Commission has determined that the State of Colorado's proposed alternative soils standards will achieve a level of stabilization and containment of the sites concerned. It will also provide a level of protection for public health, safety, and the environment from radiological and nonradiological hazards associated with such sites equivalent to or more stringent than the level that would be achieved by existing standards and requirements, to the extent practicable. Existing standards include those adopted and enforced by the Commission for the same purpose and any final standards promulgated by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with Section 275 of the Act. This document completes the notice and public hearing process required in Section 274o of the Act for proposed State alternative soil standards.

**DATES:** The Commission made a determination on the State of Colorado's proposed alternative soils standards on May 18, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0258 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, using the following methods: