**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

Membership of the Merit Systems Protection Board’s Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the members of the Merit Systems Protection Board’s Performance Review Board.

**DATES:** November 5, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marion Hines at 202–254–4413 or marion.hines@mspb.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Merit Systems Protection Board is publishing the names of the current and new members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). William D. Spencer continues to serve as Chairman of the PRB. Susan M. Swafford is a new member of the PRB, and William L. Boulden continues to serve as a member of the PRB.

William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board.

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 13–126]

**NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Astrophysics Subcommittee; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Astrophysics Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held via Teleconference and WebEx for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other persons scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time

This meeting will take place telephonically and by WebEx. Any interested person may call the USA toll free conference call number 800–779–4348, pass code 38250, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is https://nasa.webex.com/, meeting number 999 713 790, passcode APS@Nov19.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ann Delo, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–0750, fax (202) 358–2779, or ann.b.delo@nasa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

—Astrophysics Division Update—Presentation of Astrophysics Roadmap—Reports from Program Analysis Groups: Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group, Physics of the Cosmos Program Analysis Group, and Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Patricia D. Rausch,
Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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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 671 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 5, 2013. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adrian Dahood, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or ACapermits@nsf.gov or (703) 292–7149.

**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.

**Application Details**

**Permit Application:** 2014–024

1. **Applicant:** Ron Naveen, Oceanites Inc, Chevy Chase MD.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Waste Permit: The applicant seeks to maintain two audio recorders that were deployed under an earlier permit and install up to 15 additional recorders. The recorders would be installed near Gentoo penguin colonies and would be used to monitor the colonies as part of the long term ecological study, the Antarctic Site Inventory, conducted by Oceanites Inc. Installation of the recorders would be conducted while performing penguin survey activities authorized under ACA 2014–001 (previously issued to Ron Naveen). The recorders would be installed 3–5 meters from the edge of a penguin colony and would be enclosed in sealed weatherproof metal housing. The recorders would be powered by a combination of AA and D size batteries. The recorders would be visited at least once per year and all dead batteries removed for proper disposal outside of the Antarctic.

**Location**

Bailey Head, Barrientos Island, Booth Island, Brown Bluff, Cuverville Island, Damoy Point, Danco Island, Georges Point, Jougla Point, Mout Point, Neko Harbor, Petermann Island, Pleneau...
5.73, "Fatigue Management for Nuclear Power Reactor Sites," Revision 1, with exceptions, additions, and deletions. Position 10 of RG 5.73 "C. Regulatory Position" provides an acceptable alternate method to the method stated in the NEI 06–11, Section 8.3, for transitioning individuals who are working an outage at one site onto an outage at another site. On June 11, 2013, OPPD received a previous exemption from the NRC (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13157A135). By letter dated August 16, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13231A018), OPPD requested a one-time exemption from specific requirements of 10 CFR 26.205(d)(7). The proposed exemption would allow the use of the less restrictive working hour limitations described in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(4) and (d)(5) to support activities required for plant startup from the current extended outage. This request was made subsequent to the previous exemption period which was approved for a 60-day period, and expired on August 9, 2013. In the previous exemption request, OPPD provided background on what has led to their need for the exemption including flooding and a significant operational event involving a fire in safety-related electrical switchgear which led to transitioning to Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0350, "Oversight of Reactor Facilities in a Shutdown Condition Due to Significant Performance and/or Operational Concerns," for an extended shutdown with significant performance problems. Because of these events, there has been an increase in workload prior to restart. In obtaining the previous exemption, OPPD committed to ensure that no individual covered by 10 CFR 26.4(a)(1) through (a)(5) would more than 50 hours per week averaged over the 2-week period prior to the effective date of the exemption. The licensee is requesting this additional one-time exemption assist in its efforts to complete work activities supporting the restart of FCS from the current extended refueling outage, which began in April 2011.

The licensee stated in its letter dated August 16, 2013, that during the previous exemption period, OPPD completed activities required to restart FCS, however, due to a revision to the current licensing basis to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.76, "Design-Basis Tornado and Tornado Missiles for Nuclear Power Plants," additional work remains to the restart of the plant. This is due to the required installation of barriers and other activities to address tornado missile vulnerabilities that were identified. By letter dated August 30, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13246A182), the licensee stated that the installation of the upper guide structure and the reactor vessel head were delayed by the activities related to the resolution of tornado missile vulnerabilities. By letter dated September 23, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13267A186), in response to the NRC staff's request for additional information dated September 18, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13261A212), the licensee specified that the schedule delay was directly related to the exigent license amendment dated July 26, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13203A070), which permitted OPPD to presume that the raw water system was protected from a tornado by crediting the barriers. The licensee stated that this became evident on July 20, 2013. This work performed during the latter weeks of the exemption period ending on August 9, 2013, was not start-up activities as requested and initially scheduled by the licensee; however, the work associated with the exigent amendment request was necessary to begin fuel loading. In its supplemental information letter dated August 30, 2013, the licensee stated that in addition to the tornado missile vulnerabilities, there was an issue with high-energy line breaks (HELB) that required modifications and testing prior to plant start-up. This issue is described in Licensee Event Report (LER) 2013–011 dated August 12, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13225A367). Additionally, an issue with high-pressure safety injection (HPSI) as described in LER 2013–010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13186A011) was identified. The resolution of this issue diverted individuals subject to work hour controls away from start-up activities. In its letter dated September 23, 2013, the licensee stated that work remains to resolve the HELB issue by individuals subject to work hour controls, whereas the work associated with the HPSI issue has been completed. The licensee described the work scheduled for completion during the proposed exemption period. The resolution of the alternate seismic, piping code, and equipment reclassification issues associated with the HELB modifications are not expected to require work by individuals who are under the provisions of work hour controls during the proposed exemption period. The licensee provided a summary of the work schedule for the proposed exemption period. The schedule consists primarily