

the Republic of Iraq, as defined below, within the scope of the "Claims Settlement Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Iraq," dated September 2, 2010 ("Claims Settlement Agreement").

**DATES:** These claims can now be filed with the Commission and the deadline for filing will be October 23, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian M. Simkin, Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, 600 E Street NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579, Tel. (202) 616-6975, FAX (202) 616-6993.

### Notice of Commencement of Claims Adjudication Program

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of State and the Commission under subsection 4(a)(1)(C) of Title I of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 (Pub. L. 455, 81st Cong., approved March 10, 1950, as amended by Pub. L. 105-277, approved October 21, 1998 (22 U.S.C. 1623(a)(1)(C)), the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission hereby gives notice of the commencement of a program for adjudication of certain categories of claims of United States nationals against the Republic of Iraq. These claims, which have been referred to the Commission by the Department of State by letter dated October 7, 2014, are defined as follows:

*Category A:* This category shall consist of claims by U.S. nationals for hostage-taking<sup>1</sup> by Iraq<sup>2</sup> in violation of international law prior to October 7, 2004, provided that the claimant was not a plaintiff in pending litigation against Iraq for hostage taking<sup>3</sup> at the time of the entry into force of the Claims Settlement Agreement and has not received compensation under the Claims Settlement Agreement from the U.S. Department of State.

*Category B:* This category shall consist of claims of U.S. nationals for death while being held hostage by Iraq in violation of international law prior to October 7, 2004.

*Category C:* This category shall consist of claims of U.S. nationals for any personal injury resulting from physical harm to the

claimant caused by Iraq in violation of international law prior to October 7, 2004, provided that the claimant: 1) had pending litigation against Iraq arising out of acts other than hostage taking; 2) has not already been compensated pursuant to the Claims Settlement Agreement; and 3) does not have a valid claim under and has not received compensation pursuant to category B of this referral.

In conformity with the terms of the referral, the Commission will determine the claims in accordance with the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*, which comprises Title I of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended. The Commission will then certify to the Secretary of the Treasury those claims that it finds to be valid, for payment out of the claims fund established under the Claims Settlement Agreement.

The Commission will administer this claims adjudication program in accordance with its regulations, which are published in Chapter V of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR 500 *et seq.*). In particular, attention is directed to subsection 500.3(a) of these regulations which, based on 22 U.S.C. 1623(f), limits the amount of attorney's fees that may be charged for legal representation before the Commission. These regulations are also available over the Internet at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>.

Approval has been obtained from the Office of Management and Budget for the collection of this information. Approval No. 1105-0100, expiration date 11/30/2016.

**Brian M. Simkin,**  
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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**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 November 24, 2014. 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:** Li Ling Hamady, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto: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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

### Application Details

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Ari Friedlaender, Permit Application: 2015-011, 2030 Marine Science Drive, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Take, Import into USA. The applicants propose to satellite tag and collect skin and blubber biopsy samples of minke, humpback and Arnoux's beaked whales. The applicants would address the following basic hypotheses that require collecting of genetic and blubber samples from biopsies. They will investigate the stock structure of whales that inhabit the nearshore waters of the AP which requires genetic information contained in skin samples. These samples can be processed and compared against voucher samples from breeding populations in the Pacific Ocean to determine the population structure of animals feeding in Antarctic waters. Likewise, the sex of individual whales can be determined from genetic markers from the skin samples. Knowing the ratios of males: females can provide information about the growth and structure of the cetacean communities. In order to understand the diet of different marine mammals and if/how these change spatially or over the course of a season, they can compare the stable isotope signatures in blubber to those of their known prey items. This

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this referral, hostage-taking would include unlawful detention by Iraq that resulted in an inability to leave Iraq or Kuwait after Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this referral, "Iraq" shall mean the Republic of Iraq, the Government of the Republic of Iraq, any agency or instrumentality of the Republic of Iraq, and any official, employee or agent of the Republic of Iraq acting within the scope of his or her office, employment or agency.

<sup>3</sup> For purposes of this category, pending litigation against Iraq for hostage taking refers to the following matters: *Acree v. Iraq*, D.D.C. 02-cv-00632 and 06-cv-00723, *Hill v. Iraq*, D.D.C. 99-cv-03346, *Vine v. Iraq*, D.D.C. 01-cv-02674; *Seyam (Islamic Society of Wichita) v. Iraq*, D.D.C. 03-cv-00888; *Simon v. Iraq*, D.D.C. 03-cv-00691.

common analysis is potent and can greatly inform studies on the feeding behavior of whales in the region. The applicants would use standard dart-biopsy methods that have been used for more than 2 decades and are proven to be both humane and appropriate. A small sterilized stainless steel tip would be attached to the end of a customized crossbow bolt that has a flotation stopper engineered on to it. When the dart hits the whale, it penetrates the outermost skin and collects a ~10×5 mm sample of both skin and blubber. These samples are placed in sterilized cryovials and kept in -20 °C freezers until they are shipped frozen back to the labs for analysis. For satellite tagging, they are testing specific hypotheses regarding how the movement and behavior of humpback whales relates to that of their prey, Antarctic krill, and sea ice in the Antarctic environment. Satellite-transmitting tags offer the opportunity to track the movement of individual whales over long time periods and in relation to physical processes in their environment. They will deploy 10 satellite-linked implantable tags, designed to a maximum of 290mm into the back of the whale (generally just forward and to the left or right side of the dorsal fin). The tag is designed to penetrate just beneath the skin and hypodermis to anchor the tag. All external components of the tag are built from stainless steel and the tag is surgically sterilized prior to deployment. Each tag is deployed with the use of a compressed air gun. Once deployed, each tag turns on during the subsequent dive of the whale. Tags will then transmit upon each initial surfacing, and each 30 seconds of subsequent 'dry time' until the tag falls off the whale, malfunctions or the single AA lithium battery is exhausted. Investigators with significant experience in these methods would conduct both biopsy and satellite tagging.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula between Marguerite Bay and the Gerlache Strait, inshore waters.

*Dates:* January 1, 2015–December 31, 2018.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering Meeting, #25104.

*Date/Time:* November 6, 2014: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II—Suite 1155, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* OPEN, VIRTUAL.

*Contact Person:* Diane Drew, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230 703–292–7220.

*Minutes:* Meeting minutes and other information may be obtained from the AC–ISE Designated Federal Official at the above address or the Web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/iia/ise/advisory.jsp>.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations on major goals and policies pertaining to International programs and activities.

#### Agenda

*Thursday, November 6, 2014 11 a.m.–2 p.m.*

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Update on the Status of the ISE Section
- Presentation and Discussion of the Report from the ISE Committee of Visitors
- Presentation and Discussion of the Strategic Framework for International Engagement
- Discussion of Other Recent Evaluations of NSF International Activities
- (Tentative) Meeting with France Córdova, NSF Director
- Closing Remarks and Wrap Up

Dated: October 17, 2014.

**Suzanne Plimpton,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC–2014–0155]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on July 2, 2014.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 483, “Registration Certificate—*In Vitro* Testing with Byproduct Material Under General License.”

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0038.

4. *How often the collection is required:* There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a validated copy of NRC Form 483 with an assigned registration number. In addition, any changes in the information reported on NRC Form 483 must be reported in writing to the NRC within 30 days after the effective date of such change.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Any physician, veterinarian in the practice of veterinary medicine, clinical laboratory or hospital which desires a general license to receive, acquire, possess, transfer, or use specified units of byproduct material in certain *in vitro* clinical or laboratory tests.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 8 responses.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 8 respondents.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1.18 hours (1.07 hours reporting + 0.11 hour recordkeeping).

9. *Abstract:* Section 31.11 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10