

system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2016-011

1. *Applicant:* Stephanie Jenourvriër, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02453.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: The applicant intends to collect a multi-scale and temporal baseline data set on the largest cluster of Adelie penguin breeding colonies in the Antarctic Peninsula (AP). The area near the Danger Islands in the Weddell Sea (eastern AP) may account for half of the total breeding population of Adelie penguins in the AP, yet these colonies are little known. Penguin population shifts have been documented in the western AP and this study will help reduce uncertainty for the eastern AP populations. Should the weather preclude reaching the site, alternative study sites have been identified.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Filming: The applicant wishes to fly a small, battery operated, remotely-controlled quadrotor Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) in order to photograph penguin colonies as part of a multiscale spatial survey of penguin colonies. The primary flight mode for the vehicles will be automatic take off, landing, and waypoint using ground station software. The secondary/emergency mode is remote control operation of the UAV by a trained pilot on the ground. In both flight modes the quadcopter will always be flown within visible sight of the pilot and designated observers. Operations will only be conducted inside the 10m/s maximum wind speed estimate. The UAV will only be flown in visual meteorological conditions. Flights will be flown between 50 and 200 ft. above the colonies in keeping with previous experience by other researcher engaged in similar UAV-based surveys of wildlife in the Antarctic. A risk analysis and mitigation measures should reduce the risk of loss the UAV. The UAV pilots will be trained to the standard of ground school training provide for a private pilot's license and training on simulators and significant flight time with the UAVs will be conducted before deployment. The applicant is seeking a Waste Permit to cover any accidental releases that may result from flying a UAV.

Remote Cameras: The applicant wishes to deploy a network of four solar-powered, satellite-linked remote cameras to examine penguin vital rates. The time-lapse cameras, specially designed for this application, have been field tested over the winter at other sites

in the Antarctica. The cameras will be mounted on a scaffold pole supported by an aluminum tripod. No malfunctions or adverse effects were seen in previous deployments. The instruments also record air temperature. The cameras are intended to remain in situ and operate remotely for five seasons. The units are completely weatherproof and are powered by batteries that are charged via a solar cell.

Dates: 1 December 2015 through 1 January 2016.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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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 October 22, 2015. 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 or (703) 292-7149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 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:

1. *Applicant*
Brent S. Stewart, Ph.D., J.D., 3889 Creststone Place, San Diego, CA
Permit Application: 2016-010

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take; Applicant desires to visit sites accessible by IAATTO registered tourist vessels and utilize a miniature (<1kg mass), multi-rotor (<20 cm rotor arm radius), remotely operated, battery powered (electric motor) UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) equipped with a small high resolution camera. The project will photo document Antarctic landscapes and the distribution and abundance of birds that occur at those sites. Bird species may include rockhopper, chinstrap, Adelie, and emperor penguins, and skuas, sheathbills, kelp gulls, and giant petrels, and birds may be roosting and/or breeding. "Take" would be unintended and unexpected incidental, brief, minor disturbance to 50 or less individual birds of each species (depending on the species, as noted in the application) during aerial vehicle flights at 25 to 60m in altitude, no further than 200m lateral distance away from the human operator, for no longer than 25 minutes in duration. The applicant has successfully deployed the equipment array over 75 times in various temperate, tropical and sub-polar environments, without wildlife disturbance.

Location

Various sites visited by IAATO registered vessels at Sub-Antarctic Islands, South Orkney Islands, South Shetland Islands, and the Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates

October 15, 2015–October 14, 2020

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Notice of Permit Modification Request Received and Permit Issued

under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated and permits issued 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 a requested permit modification and permit issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Li Ling Hamady, ACA Permit Officer, Division of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2012–WM–002) to Dr. George Watters on September 29, 2011. The issued permit allows the applicant to operate a remote field camp in ASPA 149 Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island.

Now the applicant proposes a permit modification to install up to 10 remote, autonomous, and easily removable camera systems at the U.S. AMLR study sites within ASPA 149 to breeding aggregations of gentoo and chinstrap penguins and Antarctic fur seals and other pinnipeds. The cameras would provide time-lapse photography during breeding and non-breeding seasons to estimate key monitoring parameters such as arrival timing, reproductive chronology and success, young production, overwinter attendance, and census data. The camera deployment at this site would be identical in nature to the camera deployment already approved for the applicant within ASPA 128, at Copacabana, King George Island. The Environmental Officer has reviewed the modification request and has determined that the amendment is not a material change to the permit, and it will have a less than a minor or transitory impact.

DATES: September 16, 2015 to April 1, 2016.

The permit modification was issued on September 16, 2015.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52–024; NRC–2008–0233]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Grand Gulf, Unit 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Application for combined license; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing an application for a combined license (COL) for a single unit of the Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor (ESBWR). This reactor would be identified as Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 3 (GGNS3) and is located adjacent to the current Grand Gulf Nuclear Station site in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

DATES: The effective date of the withdrawal of the application for combined license is September 22, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2008–0233 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket ID NRC–2008–0233. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that the document is referenced.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adrian Muñoz, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–4093; email: Adrian.Muniz@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 14849) on March 19, 2008. On April 24, 2008, a subsequent notice was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 22180) announcing the acceptance of the GGNS3 COL application for docketing in accordance with part 2 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure,” and 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” The docket number established for this application is 52–024.

By letter dated January 9, 2009, Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) requested that the NRC temporarily suspend the COL application review, including any supporting reviews by external agencies, until further notice (ADAMS Accession No. ML090130174). The NRC granted the suspension request (ADAMS Accession No. ML090080523). By letter dated February 9, 2015, EOI requested the NRC to withdraw the GGNS3 COL application, including the Safeguards/Security Part, from the docket (ADAMS Accession No. ML15040A078). Pursuant to the requirements in 10 CFR part 2, the Commission grants EOI its request to withdraw the GGNS3 COL application.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of September, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Francis M. Akstulewicz,

Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will convene a teleconference meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) on December 18, 2015, to discuss the draft report of the ACMUI Rulemaking Subcommittee that was formed to provide comments to the NRC staff on the draft final rule for title