

**Application Details***Permit Application: 2019–007*

## 1. Applicant

Natasja van Gestel, Texas Tech University, Biological Sciences Department, 2901 Main Street, Lubbock, TX 79409.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area, collect soil and vegetation samples. The applicant proposes to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPAs) 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, to study Antarctic soils, microbial communities, and vegetation. The studies would involve short-term, temporary installation of chambers around study plots; temporary installations of data loggers, sensors, and gauges; minimal soil sample collection; and collection of minimal vegetation samples. The applicant would collect 5 plants each of the species *Deschampsia antarctica* and *Colobanthus quitensis* and up to 20 small samples of various moss species. Moss samples would be collected near Palmer Station preferentially, if species are available there. All samples would be taken to the home institution for analysis and, ultimately, herbarium curation.

*Location:* ASPA 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor; Anvers Island, Palmer Station area.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* December 5, 2018–April 10, 2019.

*Permit Application: 2019–008*

## 2. Applicant

Caitlin Saks, WGBH, 1 Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs). The applicant would enter ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158, Hut Point, Ross Island; ASPA 172, Lower Taylor Glacier and Blood Falls, Taylor Valley to film scientific research being conducted, historically significant locations, and the natural environment. The resulting film and photography would be used to create a series of media products including a two-hour documentary. The applicant proposes to employ a video-camera and tripod, possibly a light stand (inside historic huts), a 360 degree virtual reality camera, and, where feasible and allowable, a small, remotely piloted aircraft system with a camera payload. The applicant would enter the historic huts with a trained guide and would abide by the management plans of all

ASPAs visited. The results of this work are expected to be useful for outreach and education about Antarctica and the scientific research conducted there.

*Location:* ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158, Hut Point, Ross Island; ASPA 172, Lower Taylor Glacier and Blood Falls, Taylor Valley; McMurdo Station area; McMurdo Dry Valleys.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* October 22–November 19, 2018.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting**

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

*Name and Committee Code:* Proposal Review Panel for Office of International Science and Engineering—PIRE: Translating Cognitive and Brain Science in the Laboratory and Field to Language Learning Environments—Reverse Site Visit (#10749).

*Date and Time:* October 25, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Cassandra Dudka, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone 703/292–7250.

*Purpose of Meeting:* NSF reverse site visit to conduct a review during year 3 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in-depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

*Agenda:* See attached.

*Reason for Closing:* Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 17, 2018.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

**National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314**

**Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)**

**Reverse Site Visit Agenda—NSF Room C3010**

*Thursday, October 25, 2018*

8:00 a.m. Panelists arrive. Coffee/light refreshments available.

8:15 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Panel Orientation—(CLOSED)

PIRE Rationale and Goals, Charge to Panel 8:45 a.m. PIs arrive. Introductions. (OPEN)

9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PIRE Project Presentation should cover the following: (OPEN)

Research

Integrating Research & Education Students (e.g. involvement in project, recruitment, diversity)

Project Management and Communication Evaluation & Assessment

Institutional Support

International Partnerships

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Working Lunch—Panel Discussion—(CLOSED)

2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Initial Feedback to Project Team (CLOSED)

2:30 p.m. PIRE PI and presenters are dismissed

2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Panel meets for Reverse Site Visit Report Preparation—(CLOSED)

4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Report presented to and discussion held with NSF staff—(CLOSED)

5:00 p.m. End of Reverse Site Visit

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources; Notice of Meeting**

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

*Name and Committee Code:* Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (EHR) (#1119).

*Date and Time:* October 18, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

October 19, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E2020, Alexandria, VA 22314.

To attend the meeting in person, all visitors must contact the Directorate for Education and Human Resources at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. All visitors

must access NSF via the Visitor Center entry adjacent to the south building entrance on Eisenhower Avenue on the day of the meeting to receive a visitor's badge. It is suggested that visitors allow time to pass through security screening.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Keaven M. Stevenson, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room C11001, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 292-8600/ [kstevens@nsf.gov](mailto:kstevens@nsf.gov).

*Summary of Minutes:* Minutes and meeting materials will be available on the EHR Advisory Committee website at <http://www.nsf.gov/ehr/advisory.jsp> or can be obtained from Dr. Ellen McCallie, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Room C11233, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 292-8600; [emccalli@nsf.gov](mailto:emccalli@nsf.gov).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice with respect to the Foundation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and human resources programming.

## Agenda

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Remarks by the EHR AC Committee Chair and the EHR Assistant Director for Education and Human Resources (EHR).

Public Private Partnerships.

STEM Education of the Future.

Mid-scale Research Infrastructure.

Broadening Participation.

Discussion with France Córdova, NSF Director and F. Fleming Crim, Chief Operating Officer.

Friday, October 19, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Day 1 Recap.

Quick briefings.

Update on EHR Programs.

Update on Subcommittees Reflections from the EHR AD.

Committee Business.

Advisory Committee Recommendations.

Final agenda can be located on the EHR AC website: <https://www.nsf.gov/ehr/advisory.jsp>.

Dated: September 17, 2018.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0145]

### Proposed Revisions to Branch Technical Position 5-3: Fracture Toughness Requirements

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Standard review plan—draft section revision; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 13, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a request for public comment on draft NUREG-0800, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition,” Branch Technical Position (BTP) 5-3, “Fracture Toughness Requirements.” The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on September 11, 2018. The NRC has decided to reopen the public comment period on this document for 30 days to allow more time for members of the public to review additional revisions that the NRC made to BTP 5-3 since the draft was issued on July 13, 2018, and to assemble and submit their comments.

**DATES:** The comment period for the document published on July 13, 2018 (83 FR 32690) has been reopened. Comments must be filed no later than October 22, 2018. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0145. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN 7 A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark D. Notich, Office of New Reactors,

telephone: 301-415-3053; email: [Mark.Notich@nrc.gov](mailto:Mark.Notich@nrc.gov); U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

#### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0145 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0145.
- *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 “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](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

*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.

#### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2018-0145 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Further Information

On July 13, 2018 (83 FR 32690), the NRC published a request for public