

completion time data collected during the 2019 GSS survey cycle, which is ongoing.

TABLE 1—GSS ESTIMATED RESPONSE BURDEN

Category	Respondents (number of school coordinators)	Total burden (hours)
Total burden for 2020	911	18,424
Total burden for 2021	959	18,542
<i>GSS institutions</i>	916	18,469
<i>FFRDCs</i>	43	73
Total burden for 2022	921	18,514
Potential future methodological studies (across all 3 survey cycles)	1,000
Total estimated burden	2,791	56,480
Estimated average annual burden	930	18,827

Comments: As required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), comments on the information collection activities as part of this study were solicited through publication of a 60-Day Notice in the **Federal Register** on April 6, 2020, at 85 FR 19169. NCSES received 2 comments.

NCSES received the first comment on 4 April 2020 from an economics professional association requesting a copy of the draft information collection request (ICR) including the survey instrument and supporting statement. NCSES informed the commenters that the ICR was currently undergoing internal review within NCSES with plans to submit it for public review in June and that the GSS would be largely unchanged from its current design.

NCSES received a second comment on 6 May 2020 from a group representing several organizations. The commenters requested that NCSES include measures of sexual orientation and gender identity on the GSS. NCSES informed the commenters that it shares their interest in improving federal data collections and providing reliable measures for important segments of the population. Furthermore, NCSES described its process for evaluating possible questionnaire additions, including the extensive experimentation involved and the time and resources required. Finally, NCSES informed the commenters that it is conducting research to evaluate these measures and does not intend to include them in the 2020–22 GSS.

Dated: June 22, 2020.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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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.

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 in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification and permit issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8224; email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation (NSF), as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR part 670), 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.

NSF issued a permit (ACA 2018–010) to David J. Smith on October 26, 2017. The issued permit allows the applicant to introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. Dormant microbiological samples, pre-loaded into and remaining within a triple containment vessel, were brought to Antarctica to be launched into the Earth's stratosphere as part of NASA's

Long Duration Balloon program (LDB). Details about the samples and the containment vessel are provided in the permit (attached). The microbiological samples, still contained within the vessel, will be returned to the USA and the home institution after recovery of the balloon payload.

A recent modification to this permit, dated June 19, 2019, permitted the permit holder to continue to conduct permitted activities, under the original permit conditions, until March 31, 2023. Now, the permit holder proposes to include an additional species of microorganism to the next payload. The quantity and state (dormant) of the bacterial spores, as well as the sample and payload preparation methods, would be identical to the original permit. 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 of Permitted Activities: June 23, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

The permit modification was issued on June 23, 2020.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

SUMMARY: The National Science Board's Committee on Oversight (CO), pursuant to NSF regulations, the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, and the Government in the Sunshine Act, hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of

National Science Board business, as follows:

DATES: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 2–4:30 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by videoconference through the National Science Foundation. An audio link will be available for the public. Members of the public must contact the Board Office to request the public audio link by sending an email to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (1) Chair's opening remarks and welcome of new committee members; (2) discussion of the 2019 Merit Review Digest draft, highlights of the biennial survey, and recent COV reports; (3) discussion of items to include in the Board's Overview; (4) discussion of future CO role regarding Broader Impacts; and (5) risks, including Enterprise Risk Management.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Ann Bushmiller (abushmil@nsf.gov), 703/292–7000. Request the public audio link by sending an email to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.

Meeting information and updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>. Please refer to the National Science Board website www.nsf.gov/nsb for additional information.

Chris Blair,

Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

SUMMARY: The National Science Board's Committee on National Science and Engineering Policy (SEP), pursuant to NSF regulations, the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, and the Government in the Sunshine Act, hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

DATES: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 4–5:30 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by videoconference through the National Science Foundation. An audio link will be available for the public. Contact the

Board Office 24 hours before the teleconference to request the public audio link at nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Chair's opening remarks; conduct an orientation of *Science & Engineering Indicators* in preparation for the 2022 cycle.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Reba Bandyopadhyay (rbandyop@nsf.gov), 703/292–7000. Members of the public must contact the Board Office to request the public audio link by sending an email to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.

Meeting information and updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>. Please refer to the National Science Board website www.nsf.gov/nsb for additional information.

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Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.

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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.

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 in 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 27, 2020. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at

the above address, 703–292–8030, or ACAPermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 670), 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

Permit Application: 2021–002

1. *Applicant:* Megan Cimino, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), Take, Harmful Interference, and Import into the USA. The applicant would conduct research as part of the Palmer Station Long-Term Ecological Research Program (Palmer LTER) relating variability in seabird ecology to changes in the physical and biological environment, especially sea ice, snow conditions and the availability of prey. The research would comprise two complimentary components at summer breeding colonies of seabirds and in their pelagic marine foraging environment. The applicant would continue long term-research efforts to assess how annual environmental variability affects seabird diets, breeding success, growth rates, survival and recruitment, behavior, population trends, foraging success and seasonal dispersal. The applicant would engage in take by capture and release in order to (1) census populations and mark breeding territories; (2) capture, mark, band and/or weigh adults, chicks and eggs; (3) obtain diet samples by stomach lavage, by screening contents of terrestrial sediment traps and/or by collecting regurgitated or defecated prey items; (4) place transmitters on individuals; (5) place instrumented artificial eggs under incubating individuals; (6) obtain tissue samples from adults and chicks (e.g., preen gland oil, blood, feathers, egg yolk, toenails); (7) collect addles/infertile eggs no longer being incubated; (8) use GPS/GIS technologies to update existing breeding habitat maps; and (9) salvage dead specimens in good condition for educational purposes. The applicant would use all/some of the above methods on the following species: