
The HSI Program includes a specific track that provides a funding opportunity for institutions that are new to NSF[5] or are Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs [6]), including community colleges. PUIs are “accredited colleges and universities (including two-year community colleges) that award Associates degrees, Bachelor’s degrees, and/or Master’s degrees in NSF-supported fields, but have awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D.Sci. degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years.” PUI definition obtained from https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518.

Hence there is a need for institutions to provide a self-certification of PUI eligibility for this track. The following language is used:

Certification of PUI Eligibility. A Certification of PUI Eligibility, following the format below and executed by an Authorized Organizational Representative, must be included in PUI requests (Planning or Pilot Projects (PPP) only). A current, signed Certification, included on institutional letterhead, should be scanned and included as a PDF file.

Certification of PUI Eligibility

By submission of this proposal, the institution hereby certifies that the originating and managing institution is an accredited college or university that awards Associates degrees, Bachelor’s degrees, and/or Master’s degrees in NSF-supported fields, but has awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D.Sci. degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years.

Authorized Organizational Representative
Typed Name and Title
Signature
Date

Expected respondents: Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

Estimate of burden: We anticipate 175 proposals for 2 minutes which is approximately 6 hours.


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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 August 26, 2021. 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: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–7420, 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: 2022–005

1. Applicant: Leidos Innovations Group, Antarctic Support Contract; 7400 S Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Harmful Interference, introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant is requesting a permit for two aspects of the Palmer Pier Replacement Project—the potential harmful interference to avian species and the introduction of non-indigenous species for use in a Marine Sanitation Device—to support the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded United States Antarctic Program (USAP) construction of a new pier. A permit is requested for potential harmful interference of avian species during the construction process. Noise generated by the demolition of the existing pier and construction of a new pier may cause disturbance to avian species in the vicinity of the project area. Mitigation measures will be put into place to minimize potential disturbance to wildlife in the area.

The applicant also requests a permit for the importation of commercially available, proprietary bacterial supplements for use in Marine Sanitation Devices aboard vessels deployed in support of the Palmer Pier Replacement Project. These supplements are used to improve wastewater treatment operation. Bacteria would not be released into the environment, and all effluent is to undergo complete disinfection prior to discharge.

Location: Palmer Station, Antarctic Peninsula.


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Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

The National Science Board’s Committee on Strategy hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Friday, July 30, 2021, from 10:00–11:00 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; Discussion of NSF’s 2022–2026 Strategic Plan.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: Chris Blair, cblair@nsf.gov, 703/292–7000. Meeting information and updates may be found at http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine. Please refer to the National Science
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a virtual public meeting on August 24, 2021.

Board meeting: August 24, 2021—The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold an online virtual public meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, to review information on the Department of Energy’s (DOE) technology development activities related to packaging, drying, and dry storage of DOE aluminum-clad spent nuclear fuel (SNF).

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100–203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (NWPA) of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold an online virtual public meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, to review information on the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) technology development activities related to packaging, drying, and dry storage of DOE aluminum-clad spent nuclear fuel (SNF).

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and is scheduled to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. EDT. Speakers representing the DOE Office of Environmental Management and the national laboratories conducting the work for DOE will report on DOE’s technology development program on aluminum-clad SNF packaging, drying, and dry storage. Speakers will describe DOE’s program, including plans and goals, scope, and technical approach to better understand the characteristics and performance of aluminum-clad SNF that will be packaged and sealed into canisters designed for storage, transportation and disposal. Speakers will address the primary challenge to extended dry storage of aluminum-clad SNF, which is centered on the behavior of hydrated oxides and radiolytic breakdown of associated adsorbed and chemically-bound water. Laboratory speakers will address drying of aluminum-clad SNF surrogates, and radiolytic gas generation during storage in unsealed canisters and during extended dry storage (>50 years) in sealed canisters. The final speaker will describe efforts to develop remote sensors for measuring pressure, temperature, humidity, and hydrogen gas concentration inside a dry storage canister containing aluminum-clad SNF. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Board’s website at www.nwtrb.gov approximately one week before the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. Details on how to submit public comments during the meeting will be provided on the Board’s website along with the details for viewing the meeting. A limit may be set on the time allowed for the presentation of individual remarks. However, written comments of any length may be submitted to the Board staff by mail or electronic mail. All comments received in writing will be included in the meeting record, which will be posted on the Board’s website after the meeting. An archived recording of the meeting will be available on the Board’s website following the meeting. The transcript of the meeting will be available on the Board’s website by October 24, 2021.

The Board was established in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 as an independent federal agency in the Executive Branch to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to the management and disposal of SNF and high-level radioactive waste, and to provide objective expert advice to Congress and the Secretary of Energy on these issues. Board members are experts in their fields and are appointed to the Board by the President from a list of candidates submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The Board reports its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Energy. All Board reports, correspondence, congressional testimony, and meeting transcripts and related materials are posted on the Board’s website.

For information on the meeting agenda, contact Brett Leslie: leslie@nwtrb.gov or Dan Ogg: ogg@nwtrb.gov. For information on logistics, or to request copies of the meeting agenda or transcript, contact Davonya Barnes: barnes@nwtrb.gov. All three may be reached by mail at 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22201–3367; by telephone at 703–235–4473; or by fax at 703–235–4495.


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