

two-person reconnaissance team at ATS-approved visitor sites in Antarctica. The purpose of these expeditions is to identify, map and photograph suitable routes to be used in future commercial land-based expeditions. Materials to be brought ashore including food and supplies to support activities as well as emergency supplies, including cooking fuel for emergency use only. All solid, hazardous, and biological wastes will be removed from the continent and returned to the operator's vessel, MS SEAVENTURE, following all expeditions.

Location: Antarctic peninsula region.

Dates: January 1, 2022–March 30, 2022.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office 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.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–7420; 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 671), 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 as requiring special protection.

Description of Permit Modification Requested: The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2022–005) to Leidos Innovations Group, Antarctic Support Contract on September 2, 2021. The

issued permit allows the applicant to introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. This permit authorizes the import and use of commercially available proprietary bacterial supplements for use in the Marine Sanitation Device aboard relevant support vessels deployed in support of the Palmer Pier Replacement Project.

The applicant proposes a modification to this permit regarding the microbial agents used in marine sanitation devices on board support vessels. Specifically, the permit holder requests altering the language of the permit to accurately reflect specific additives being used in marine sanitation devices.

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: October 1, 2021–April 30, 2023.

The permit modification was issued on November 16, 2021.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8030; email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 19, 2021, and October 20, 2021, the National Science Foundation published notices in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. The permits were issued on November 18, 2021, and November 19, 2021, to:

1. Nikola Bajo, Grand Circle Corporation Permit No. 2022–015
2. Prash Karnik, Lindblad Expeditions Permit No. 2022–016
3. Dr. Heather Lynch Permit No. 2022–017

4. Dr. Heather Lynch Permit No. 2022–018

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office 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.

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 December 27, 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 or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–8030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 671), 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2022025

1. *Applicant:* Dr. Kim Bernard, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Introduce Non-Indigenous

Species into Antarctica, Export From USA. The applicant proposes uses American-grown cultures of Antarctic diatom species *Corethron Hystrix* to support research activities at Palmer Station, Antarctica. The diatoms will be added to two large circular aquarium tanks as a food source for juvenile Antarctic krill. During feeding, flow-through of seawater in tanks will be closed off to prevent outflow of diatoms. Additionally, outflow pipes will be covered in mesh screens fine enough to trap *Corethron Hystrix* and prevent release. These screens will be sanitized regularly, and outflow of seawater will be regularly sampled and tested for presence of diatoms prior to discharge to the natural environment.

Location: Palmer Station, Antarctica.
Dates of Permitted Activities: April 1, 2022—October 01, 2022.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; 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:

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883).

Date and Time: January 25, 2022; 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

January 26, 2022; 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, via Zoom

Type of Meeting: Open.

Attendance information for the meeting will be forthcoming on the website: <https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aac.jsp>.

Contact Person: Dr. Martin Still, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite W 9188, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-4290.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

Agenda: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives

from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them. Discuss the Committee's draft annual report due 15 March 2022.

Dated: November 22, 2021.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Renewal

The NSF management officials having responsibility for the advisory committee listed below have determined that renewing this committee for another two years is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Committee: President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, #1182.

Effective date for renewal is November 22, 2021. For more information, please contact Crystal Robinson, NSF, at (703) 292-8687.

Dated: November 22, 2021.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255; NRC-2021-0206]

Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, Palisades Nuclear Plant

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption in response to the December 23, 2020, request from Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI) related Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP), located in Van Buren County, Michigan. The exemption

would permit HDI to use funds from the PNP nuclear decommissioning trust (NDT) for spent fuel management and site restoration activities for PNP. The exemption would also allow such withdrawals without prior notification to the NRC. The NRC staff is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) associated with the proposed exemption.

DATES: The EA and FONSI referenced in this document are available on November 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0206 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0206. Address questions about Dockets IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@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 <https://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. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS section of this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at NRC's PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott P. Wall, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2855; email: Scott.Wall@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: