

University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

4. Date: August 2, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 421.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Art and Anthropology for the Challenge Grants grant program, submitted to the Office of Challenge Grants.

5. Date: August 3, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Sociology, Psychology and Education for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

6. Date: August 3, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications for the Fellowships for Advanced Research on Japan grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

7. Date: August 6, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Political Science and Jurisprudence for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

8. Date: August 6, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of European Literature and Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

9. Date: August 7, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of American Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

10. Date: August 8, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of American History for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

11. Date: August 8, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Asian

Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

12. Date: August 9, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of African Studies and Middle Eastern Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

13. Date: August 9, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Art History for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

14. Date: August 14, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Asian Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

15. Date: August 15, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Ancient and Classical Studies and Archaeology for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

16. Date: August 15, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of American Literature for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

17. Date: August 16, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Latin American Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

18. Date: August 16, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Latin American Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

19. Date: August 21, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Religious Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

20. Date: August 21, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Religious Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

21. Date: August 22, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

This meeting will discuss applications on the subject of Medieval and Renaissance Studies for the Fellowships for University Teachers grant program, submitted to the Division of Research Programs.

22. Date: August 30, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

This meeting will discuss applications for the Preservation Education and Training grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

Because these meetings will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, the meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated July 19, 1993.

Dated: July 10, 2012.

**Lisette Voyatzis,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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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 August 15, 2012. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 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.

The applications received are as follows:

**Permit Application: 2013-011**

1 *Applicant:* Celia Lang, Lockheed Martin IS&GS, Antarctic Support Contract, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 122—Arrival Heights to operate the ELFNLF receiver, riometer and magnetometer for studies of the earth's magnetic field and ionosphere, high latitude neutral mesospheric and thermospheric dynamics and thermodynamics, UV monitoring, aerosols investigations, and pollution surveys. Crary Science and Engineering Center Research Associate(s) will need to access the site daily for equipment monitoring, data acquisition, calibration, and repairs. Official scientific visitors may enter the site for educational and for oversight purposes.

Personnel from the ASC Infrastructure and Operations (I&O) and other support departments may be called upon to perform inspections, maintenance or

repair functions at the facilities within the ASPA. Other personnel will need to enter ASPA 122 to monitor and maintain or repair weather equipment within the site.

*Location*

Arrival Heights, Hut Point Peninsula, Ross Island (ASPA 122).

*Dates*

August 15, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

**Permit Application: 2013-012**

2. *Applicant:* Celia Lang, Lockheed Martin IS&GS, Antarctic Support Contract, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 149—Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island to support activities in support of scientific research conducted at the USAP field research facility at Cape Shirreff. Activities include: movement of personnel and supplies from ship to shore via zodiac or small boat; opening and closing the research facility onshore and associated activities; and, maintaining and servicing on-shore facilities and equipment.

*Location*

Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (ASPA 149).

*Dates*

August 15, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

**Permit Application: 2013-013**

3. *Applicant:* Celia Lang, Lockheed Martin IS&GS, Antarctic Support Contract, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to possibly enter ASPA 105—Beaufort Island, ASPA 116—New College Valley, Caughey Beach, Cape Bird, Ross Island, ASPA 121—Cape Royds, ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, ASPA 157—Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, and ASPA 185—Cape Evans for the purpose of gathering professional video footage, still photographs, and to interview scientists. Any footage, pictures, interviews, and information gathered during site visits could potentially be used in outreach videos, archived for future use, or be published in The Antarctic Sun, the official online publication of the U.S. Antarctic Program (USA), which is managed by the National Science Foundation.

Visits to the ASPAs will be limited as operational, scientific conditions, and

the availability of transportation permits. Visits will take place in conjunction with valid scientific activities for the express purpose of gathering footage and information on scientific research, general scenic locations, and interviews with scientists working in the field.

*Location*

ASPA 105—Beaufort Island, ASPA 116—New College Valley, Caughey Beach, Cape Bird, Ross Island, ASPA 121—Cape Royds, ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, ASPA 157—Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, and ASPA 185—Cape Evans.

*Dates*

August 15, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

**Permit Application: 2013-014**

4. *Applicant:* Celia Lang, Lockheed Martin IS&GS, Antarctic Support Contract, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 128—Cape Copacabana, Western shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island to support research activities conducted at the USAP field research facility at Copacabana. Activities include: movement of personnel and supplies from ship to shore via zodiac or small boat; opening and closing the research facilities on shore and associated activities; and, maintaining and servicing on-shore facilities and equipment.

*Location*

ASPA 128—Cape Copacabana, Western shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island.

*Dates*

August 15, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

**Permit Application: 2013-015**

5. *Applicant:* Celia Lang, Lockheed Martin IS&GS, Antarctic Support Contract, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island to conduct occasional operations, maintenance, construction, and rehabilitation activities on an annual basis inside the Cape Crozier ASPA. The USAP civilian support contractor work centers that perform annual work at Cape Crozier include: Infrastructure and Operations (I&O), the Communications

shop, the Mechanical Equipment Center (MEC), and the Berg Field Center (BFC). Typically, these visits are conducted at the beginning and end of each austral summer season to open and close facilities used for scientific research; additional visits may also be necessary during the course of the season.

#### Location

ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island.

#### Dates

August 15, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

#### Permit Application: 2013–016

6. **Applicant:** Celia Lang, Lockheed Martin IS&GS, Antarctic Support Contract, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112–3938.

#### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 155—Cape Evans, Ross Island (Scott's Hut), ASPA 157—Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island (Shackleton's Hut), ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island, and ASPA 159—Cape Adare to allow recreational and educational visits to the historic sites, as permitted by the Management Plans, for USAP participants. The historic huts at Cape Royds and Cape Evans are in close proximity to McMurdo Station, whereas Hut Point sits adjacent to the station. Procedures for monitoring numbers of USAP visitors to the huts throughout the season will be implemented

#### Location

ASPA 155—Cape Evans, Ross Island (Scott's Hut), ASPA 157—Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island (Shackleton's Hut), ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island, and ASPA 159—Cape Adare

#### Dates

August 15, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2012–0171; Docket Nos. 50–391; Construction Permit No. CPPR–92]

#### In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority Watts Bar Nuclear Plant EA–12–021; Confirmatory Order (Effective Immediately)

#### I

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or Applicant) is the holder of Construction

Permit No. CPPR–92, issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, on January 23, 1973, and extended to March 31, 2013. The permit authorizes the construction of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (Watts Bar or facility), in accordance with conditions specified therein. The facility is located on the Applicant's site in Spring City, Tennessee.

This Confirmatory Order is the result of an agreement reached during an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mediation session conducted on May 21, 2012.

#### II

On January 13, 2012, the NRC's Office of Investigations (OI) completed an investigation (OI Case No. 2–2011–003) regarding activities at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the NRC staff concluded that on or about August 16, 2010, an electrician and foreman employed by a subcontractor at Watts Bar, Unit 2, deliberately falsified work order packages for primary containment penetrations, and caused TVA to be in apparent violation of 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, Criterion V, *Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings*, and 10 CFR 50.9, *Completeness and Accuracy of Information*. The results of the investigation were sent to TVA in a letter dated March 23, 2012.

#### III

On May 21, 2012, the NRC and TVA met in an ADR session mediated by a professional mediator, arranged through Cornell University's Institute on Conflict Resolution. ADR is a process in which a neutral mediator with no decision-making authority assists the parties in reaching an agreement or resolving any differences regarding their dispute. This confirmatory order is issued pursuant to the agreement reached during the ADR process. The elements of the agreement consist of the following:

1. TVA agreed that on or about August 16, 2010, one violation occurred involving the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, Criterion V, *Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings*, and 10 CFR 50.9, *Completeness and Accuracy of Information*. Specifically, on August 16, 2010, two subcontractor employees (one craft and one craft foreman) at Watts Bar Unit 2 deliberately falsified the micrometer readings for cables listed in Modification/Addition Instruction (MAI) 3.3 data sheets, and falsely annotated on the WOs that micrometer

readings had been performed for cables in primary containment penetrations, when the micrometer readings had not been completed. Additionally, the craft foreman falsely attested that a work order review, field walk down, review of craft documentation, and the scope of work had all been completed. The failure to follow the WO procedures and perform the required micrometer measurements, field walk downs, and WO reviews is a violation of 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, Criterion V, which requires, in part, that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, or drawings, of a type appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures, or drawings. As a result of the WOs and MAI 3.3 data sheets being falsified, the applicant also failed to comply with 10 CFR 50.9(a), which requires, in part, that information required by the Commission's regulations to be maintained by an applicant shall be complete and accurate in all material respects. 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, Criterion XVII, *Quality Assurance Records*, requires that sufficient records be maintained to furnish evidence of activities affecting quality. The WOs and associated MAI–3.3 data sheets are related to primary containment penetration electrical cabling, which involve activities affecting quality, and thus are required by 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, Criterion XVII, to be maintained by an applicant.

2. At the ADR, TVA provided corrective actions and enhancements taken shortly after its identification of the incident in August 2010. These actions included but were not limited to the following:

a. The prompt cessation of all containment electrical penetration work activities, and the initiation of an internal review of the incident. Prior to resuming work associated with electrical penetrations, briefings were conducted with contractor electrical support personnel regarding the falsification event and lessons learned to ensure that the scope of the event was communicated to the group.

b. TVA conducted a root cause evaluation of the incident. In addition, an extent of condition review of the incident was conducted, which confirmed that there were no additional examples of falsification.

c. TVA's Office of Inspector General performed an independent investigation of this event, the results of which led to felony prosecution and conviction of two individuals for falsifying government records.