

**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 May 16, 2014. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Li Ling Hamady, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov) or (703) 292-7149.

**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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

**Application Details**

*Permit Application: 2014-031*

## 1. Applicant

Dr. Andrew G. Fountain, Department of Geology, 17 Cramer Hall; 1721 SW Broadway, Portland State University, Portland OR 97201.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

ASPA: This permit would allow entry into ASPA 123 Barwick Valley at a flyover height of 600m above the ground during a LiDAR campaign to map the

surface elevation of the McMurdo Dry Valleys.

*Location*

Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 123, Barwick Valley.

*Dates*

December 1, 2014 to January 21, 2015.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366; NRC-2012-0106]**

**Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2**

**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 amendments to Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5, issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC, the licensee), for operation of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), Units 1 and 2, located in Appling County, Georgia. The proposed amendments would revise the minimum water level for the plant service water system and ultimate heat sink. The NRC staff is issuing a final Environmental Assessment (EA) and final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) associated with the proposed license amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0106 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0106. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@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 <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then 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). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The application for amendment, dated July 5, 2012, is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13015A089.

- *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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert E. Martin, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-1493; email: [Robert.Martin@nrc.gov](mailto:Robert.Martin@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

As required by § 51.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the NRC staff performed an environmental assessment to document its findings. SNC previously submitted its license amendment request by letter dated December 15, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML113500108) and subsequently withdrew it by letter dated April 20, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12122A113). Based on information provided in SNC's resubmittal dated July 5, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13015A089), SNC's response to NRC's request for additional information dated October 10, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12284A299), and the NRC staff's independent review of references, the NRC did not identify any significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed license amendment.

Based on the results of the environmental assessment documented herein, the NRC is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), in accordance with 10 CFR 51.32, for the proposed license amendment.

**II. Environmental Assessment***Plant Site and Environs*

The HNP is located in Appling County, Georgia, southeast of where U.S. Highway 1 crosses the Altamaha River, in a rural part of the state. It is located approximately 11 miles (mi) (18