Dates

November 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541)

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 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 September 22, 2008. 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: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292–7405.

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

Permit Application No. 2009–018

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Director, Sustainable Development, Team Leader, Sustainable Coastal Margins Program, Texas A&M University, 1112, College Station, TX 77843–1112.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter ASPA 116—New College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, Ross Island, and ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island. These sites are specifically targeted because of the nature of their geology, climatic influences and topography. The applicant plans on sampling one site as a reference control area for the study of the temporal and spatial scales of various types of disturbances in and around McMurdo Station. In addition, a reconnaissance flight from Cape Roberts to Cape Chocolate to identify an additional reference control site will be made. The other sites, Arrival Heights (ASPA 122) and Hut Point (ASPA 158) have been sampled in past field seasons and are slated to be sampled as part of the ongoing environmental monitoring program.

Location

ASPA 116—New College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 122—Arrival Heights, Ross Island, and ASPA 158—Hut Point, Ross Island.

Dates

November 17, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide: Granting Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Granting of Request To Extend the Comment Period of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)–1200, ''An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities.''

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Drouin, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone: (301) 415–6675 or e-mail to *Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment DG–1200, which was published in the **Federal Register**, 73 FR 35170, on June 20, 2008. DG–1200 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.200 in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff requested receipt of comments on DG–1200 by August 25, 2008, (including any implementation schedule) and its associated regulatory analysis or value/impact statement. By this action, the NRC staff is extending the comment period until September 24, 2008. Comments received after September 24, 2008, would be considered if practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

III. Request To Extend the Comment Period

Basis for the Request

The NRC received the following extension request:

''There is currently work underway by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) to address many fundamental issues with the Joint ASME/American Nuclear Society (ANS) PRA [probabilistic risk assessment] Standard, many of which are items likely identified in the current RG revision. These changes are identified as Addendum A to the ASME/ANS Joint PRA Standard.'' ''ASME is currently balloting these changes for approval, with a closure of the ballot in late August 2008. Once balloted and approved, these changes to the Joint Standard will be made available to the general public. Availability of such information will be important for the public to make an informed review of the draft RG 1.200, Revision 2. As a result of this schedule mismatch, the PWROG [pressurized water reactor owners' group] requests that the review period for the draft RG 1.200, Revision 2 be extended to allow the industry to integrate the findings and conclusions of the ASME/ANS Joint PRA Standard revisions in preparing an informed review. The

PWROG views changes in Addendum A substantial enough to warrant an extension of the public review period. Accordingly, we request a 60-day extension to the current review period.''

Response to Request

The request for an extension to the comment period is approved for 30 days.

The staff understands that ASME/ANS is working on an initial addendum (i.e., Addendum A) to Revision 1 of the ASME/ANS PRA Standard (RA–S–2008). However, at this time, Addendum A has not been approved by ASME/ANS, and consequently is not available to the public. Since the ASME/ANS ballot period has not closed, it is not known if there will be sufficient positive ballots approving Addendum A. Consequently, it is uncertain if and when ASME/ANS will issue Addendum A, and therefore, be available to the public. A 60-day extension to the public comment period for DG 1200 will impact the December 2008 publication date of Revision 2 of RG 1.200. With the uncertainty associated with the issuance of Addendum A of the ASME/ANS PRA standard, the staff does not support an extension of the comment period to DG 1200 that would impact the schedule for publishing Revision 2 to RG 1.200. However, the staff agrees with the PWROG with regard to the importance of Addendum A. The staff understands from ASME that the ballot closes September 12, 2008, at which time the status of Addendum A will be known. A 30-day extension to the comment period of DG 1200 will enable the staff the meet the publication schedule of December 2008 for Revision 2 to RG 1.200. Therefore, the staff is approving a 30-day extension to the public comment period, with the public comment period to end on September 24, 2008. Further, at that time, the status of Addendum A of the ASME/ANS PRA Standard will be known, and dependent on the content of Addendum A and the schedule for issuance, the staff may revisit the schedule for publishing Revision 2 of RG 1.200.

Requests for technical information about DG–1200 may be directed to the NRC contact, Mary Drouin at (301) 415–6675 or e-mail to *Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov.*

Electronic copies of DG–1200 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the ''Regulatory Guides'' collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/*. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (*http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html*), under Accession No. ML081200566.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555–0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415–4737 or (800) 397–4205, by fax at (301) 415–3548, and by e-mail to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.*

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of August 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Stephen C. O'Connor,

Acting Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of New Reactors; Interim Staff Guidance on Assessment of Normal and Extreme Winter Precipitation Loads on the Roofs of Seismic Category I Structures

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DC/COL–ISG–07 (ADAMS Accession No. ML081980084). The purpose of this ISG is to clarify the NRC position on identifying winter precipitation events as site characteristics and site parameters for determining normal and extreme winter precipitation loads on the roofs of Seismic Category I structures. This ISG revises the previously issued staff guidance in March 2007 in the Standard Review Plan (SRP) NUREG–0080, ''Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants.'' The NRC staff issues DC/COL–ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of the current staff guidance and to facilitate activities associated with review of applications for design certifications (DCs) and combined licenses (COLs) by the Office of New Reactors. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved DC/COL–ISG–007 into the next revision of the SRP and related guidance documents.

DATES: Comments must be filed no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

Comments should be delivered to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T–6D59, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Persons may also provide comments via e-mail at *charles.cox@nrc.gov.* The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail at *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles R. Cox, Siting and Accident Consequence Branch, Division of Siting and Environmental Reviews, Office of the New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone 301–415–2003 or e-mail at *charles.cox@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (*http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/*).

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the proposed DC/COL–ISG–007. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed DC/COL–ISG–007.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, the 15th day of August 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Nanette Gilles,

Acting Branch Chief Rulemaking, Guidance and Advanced Reactors Branch, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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