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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application from Mr. Sebastian Copeland for his private expedition crossing Antarctica from the Russian Novo Station on the coast to the Pole of Inaccessibility to South Pole and ending at Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions camp at Union Glacier where they will be flown back to Punta Arenas, Chile. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within September 16, 2011. Permit applications 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: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Environmental Officer at the above address or (703) 292–8030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF’s Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for a private expedition planning to traverse to the South Pole then onward to Union Glacier where they will be flown to Punta Arenas Chile. While on the traverse, they will be camping in a two-man tent and using white camping fuel for cooking purposes. The fuel will be stored inside the sledges in five-liter containers and metal MSR bottles. Waste generated will consist of a small amount of rinse water from cooking, and human waste for two people. Empty plastic containers and packaging will be kept in the sledges to be discarded in Chile at the end of the expedition.

Application for the permit is made by: Sebastian Copeland, 1626 Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

Location: Russian Nova Station on the coast to South Pole, then on to Union Glacier for extraction.


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Permit Officer.

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PEACE CORPS

Information Collection Request Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps will be submitting the National Agency Check (NAC) Questionnaire for Peace Corps Volunteer Background Investigation (OMB Control Number 0420–0001) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Notice of the information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2011, at 76 FR 12939, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. Peace Corps received 16 identical comments stating that “the Peace Corps must ensure that the proposed information collection activity screens out and excludes those individuals motivated exclusively (or near exclusively) to promote or participate in the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision.” As the NAC Questionnaire for Peace Corps Volunteer Background Investigation (OMB Control Number 0420–0001) requests only identifying information about Volunteer applicants in order to locate records pertaining to applicants’ legal activities and legal suitability for Peace Corps Volunteer service. As those records are not likely to contain information concerning views about circumcision, it will not be possible to make such a judgment about applicants using this form.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Written comments and