NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.


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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 19, 2012, August 31, 2012, and September 12, 2012, respectively, the National Science Foundation published notices in the Federal Register of a permit application received. Permits were issued on October 15, 2012 to:

- Celia Lang Permit No. 2013–008
- Celia Lang Permit No. 2013–019
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 22, 2012, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of a permit modification request received. The permit modification was issued on October 17, 2012 to:

- David Ainley Permit No. 2011–002 Mod. #3
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Confirmatory Order; In the Matter of Honeywell International Inc.; Metropolis, Illinois

I. Honeywell International Inc. (Honeywell or Licensee) is the holder of Materials License No. SUB–526, 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 40. Originally issued on December 17, 1958, the license has been renewed many times, most recently on May 11, 2007. The license authorizes the operation of Honeywell’s Metropolis Works facility in accordance with the conditions specified therein. The facility is located in Metropolis, Illinois.

II. From May 21 through 24, 2012, an NRC inspection was conducted at the Metropolis Works facility pursuant to NRC Temporary Instruction (TI) 2600/015, “Evaluation of Licensee Strategies for the Prevention and/or Mitigation of Emergencies at Fuel Facilities.” The objective of the TI inspection was to independently verify that Honeywell is adequately prepared to prevent and/or mitigate the consequences of selected safety/licensing basis events and to evaluate the adequacy of those emergency prevention and/or mitigation strategies for dealing with the consequences of selected beyond-safety/licensing basis events. At the time of the inspection, the Metropolis Works facility had been shut down since May 9, 2012, for a planned maintenance outage.

The inspection identified significant concerns related to Honeywell's Uranium Hexafluoride (UF6) and Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) source terms, used as a basis for the Honeywell Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Specifically, the inspection identified that the design of the process equipment in the Feed Materials Building at the Metropolis Works facility lacks seismic restraints, supports, and bracing that would assure process equipment integrity during a credible seismic event or tornado. Because the Metropolis Works facility was shut down for a planned maintenance outage, no immediate safety concern existed. The NRC concluded, however, that the potential consequences of the inspection findings were significant.