

concentrations, and rich vegetation). Not all sites will be visited in single season and access depends upon research vessel cruise tracks and accessibility to the site(s). The sites visited would be sampled by placing a test pit, no more than 1x1 meter in size, in the colony and excavating in 5–10 cm level until bedrock or non-ornithogenic sediments are encountered. To minimize impacts, test pits will be placed in areas with little or no vegetation when possible. Upon completion of the excavation, test pits would be refilled and any vegetation disturbed on the surface replaced. Collected sediments will be taken to the laboratory for processing. Sediments will be washed through fine-mesh screens; all organic remains will be sorted from the sediments and preserved for identification and analysis.

The applicant proposes access additional Antarctic Specially Protected Areas only on an opportunity basis depending upon vessel cruise tracks and schedules. The additional ASPA's are listed under Location, below:

#### Location

ASPA 102—Rookery Islands, Holme Bay  
 ASPA 103—Ardery Island and Odbert Island, Budd Coast  
 ASPA 104—Sabrina Island, Balleny Islands  
 ASPA 109—Moe Island, South Orkneys  
 ASPA 110—Lynch Island, South Orkneys  
 ASPA 111—Southern Powell Island and adjacent islands, South Orkneys  
 ASPA 114—North Coronation Island, South Orkneys  
 ASPA 127—Haswell Island  
 ASPA 135—Bailey Peninsula, Budd Coast  
 ASPA 136—Clark Peninsula, Budd Coast

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Permit Modification

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**SUMMARY:** The Foundation modified a permit to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–541; Code of Federal Regulation Title 45, Part 670).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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### Description of Permit and Modification

On September 25, 1998, the National Science Foundation issued a permit (ACA #99–009) to Dr. William R. Fraser after posting a notice in the August 27, 1998 **Federal Register**. Public comments were not received. A request to modify the permit was posted in the **Federal Register** on March 13, 2001. No public comments were received. The modification, issued by the Foundation on April 20, 2001, allows the permit holder to capture, study and release up to 50 Emperor penguins, 100 Gentoo penguins, 100 Chinstrap penguins, and 100 each of Snow, Cape and Antarctic Petrels. The data collected will help to access how annual environmental variability affects seabird diets, breeding success, growth rates, and population trends.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (1189).

*Date/Time:* May 15, 2001, 8:30 am–5 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 360, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Fred Thompson, Program Director, Environmental Technology Program, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292–8320.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate unsolicited proposals and proposals received under the Information Technology Research (ITR) Program Solicitation (Announcement Number NSF 00–126), as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and person information concerning individuals associated with the proposals.

These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) or the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 25, 2001.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

*Date/Time:* May 17 and 18, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* NSF, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Room 575, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Alison Flatau, Program Director, Dynamic Systems and Control, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 545, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292–8360.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations for the FY'01 IIA Control Review Panel as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72–8]

### Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Materials License SNM–2505, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued Amendment 3 to Materials License No. SNM–2505 held by Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) for