

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.

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 in 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 November 1, 2021. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), 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.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2022-011

1. *Applicant:* Dr. John Durban, 446 Harbor Vista Drive, Friday Harbor WA, 98250.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management. The applicant seeks a waste management permit under the Antarctic Conservation Act for activities associated with ongoing cetacean research in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic Peninsula region. The applicant proposes using unmanned aerial systems (UAS) pilots from ships and small boats to collect photogrammetry

images and blow samples from whales. UAS flights will be performed by experienced pilots and will last for a period of under 30 minutes. In addition to the pilots' extensive experience, mitigation measures will be put into place to minimize loss of equipment and to recover equipment in the unlikely event of equipment failure. The applicant also seeks to use small projectile biopsy darts to collect tissue samples. Following discharge and sampling, the darts will float, and high-visibility collars ensure a high likelihood for retrieval.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region. Southern Ross Sea Region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: December 1, 2021–April 30, 2026.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2021-0166]

Acceptability of ASME Code Section XI, Division 2, Requirements for Reliability and Integrity Management (RIM) Programs for Nuclear Power Plants, for Non-Light Water Reactors

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1383, "Acceptability of ASME Code Section XI, Division 2, 'Requirements for Reliability and Integrity Management (RIM) Programs for Nuclear Power Plants,' for Non-Light Water Reactors." This proposed DG describes an approach that is acceptable to the NRC staff for the development and implementation of a preservice inspection (PSI) and inservice inspection (ISI) program for non-light water reactors (non-LWRs). It endorses, with conditions, the 2019 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," Division 2, for non-LWR applications. This RG also describes a method that applicants can use to incorporate PSI and ISI programs into a licensing basis.

DATES: Submit comments by November 15, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is 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.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking Website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0166. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy Lupold, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301-415-6448, email: Timothy.Lupold@nrc.gov; Stephen Philpott, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301-415-2365, email: Stephen.Philpott@nrc.gov; and Robert Roche-Rivera, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-8113, email: Robert.Roche-Rivera@nrc.gov. All are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments***A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0166 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0166.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the