

attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we will post on *regulations.gov* a "Consolidated Reply" summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we have made to the proposed records schedule. We will then send the schedule for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. You may request additional information about the disposition process through the contact information listed above.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the

Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist's consideration process.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Geotechnical Investigations (DAA-0077-2019-0001).
2. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Center Weather Service Unit Files (DAA-0370-2019-0002).
3. Department of Defense, National Security Agency, Security Forensic Investigative Files (DAA-0457-2018-0002).
4. Department of Defense, National Security Agency, Security Case Control Investigative Files (DAA-0457-2019-0001).
5. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, First Observer Plus (DAA-0560-2019-0006).
6. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Public Charge Bonds (DAA-0566-2019-0024).
7. Securities and Exchange Commission, Division of Enforcement, Whistleblower Application Files (DAA-0266-2019-0003).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision Following a Final Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (CEE) for Continuation and Modernization of McMurdo Station Area Activities in Antarctica

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) gives notice of the availability of a Record of Decision following a Final Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (CEE) for Continuation and Modernization of McMurdo Station Area Activities, pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act, as amended, its implementing regulations, and in accordance with the

Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty. The proposed activity would implement modernization projects at McMurdo Station while continuing United States Antarctic Program science and operations at McMurdo Station and locations supported by the Station.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision are available upon request from Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Senior Advisor, Environment, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or CEE.comments@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the CEE process, please contact Dr. Polly A. Penhale, at the above address, 703-292-8030, or CEE.comments@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 3 of Annex I to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty requires the preparation of a CEE for any proposed Antarctic activity likely to have more than a minor or transitory impact. The draft CEE was made available to Antarctic Treaty Parties and the Committee for Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty for a 120-day period, as specified above.

The draft CEE was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 84, No. 76/ Friday, April 19, 2019, Page 16547) for a 90-comment period, as specified in 45 CFR 641.18.

Comments were received and considered as described in the Final CEE for Continuation and Modernization of McMurdo Station Area Activities in Antarctica. The Final CEE was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 84, No. 159, Friday, August 16, 2019, Page 42021).

The Final CEE may be viewed by interested parties at https://www.acpt.nsf.gov/geo/opp/antarct/treaty/cees/AIMS/Final%20CEE_McMurdo%20Modernization_v8_05Aug2019.pdf.

Additional information on the proposed actions and purpose and need was provided in the Notice of Intent to prepare a CEE published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 81, No. 164/Wednesday, August 24, 2016, Pages 57940-57941).

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