

Trivelpiece on September 28, 2000. The issued permit allows the applicant to capture and release up to 1,000 Adelie, Gentoo, Chinstrap penguins, and other various seabirds for banding, weighing, blood sampling, stomach pumping and attaching radio Tx's, PTT's, and TDR's. The collection of samples and data will be used to study the behavioral ecology and population biology of the penguins and the interaction among these species and their principal seabird predators.

The applicant requests a modification to his permit to allow: capture and release of 10 individuals each of Brown and South Polar Skuas; collect tissue samples from dead individuals of all species of birds; collect up to 12 uropygial gland oil from 3 species of penguin; and, collect up to 12 eggs each from 3 species of penguins (1 egg per nest) for egg yolk lipid analysis.

Location: ASPA 128—Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island.

Dates: October 1, 2003 to April 1, 2005.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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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 for operation of remote field camps during a skiing/climbing expedition in the Antarctic interior. 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 by October 3, 2003. 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:

Nadene Kennedy 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 the operation of an expedition to Antarctica. Ice Axe Productions, Inc., with a team of 5 experienced climbers and photographers will travel by air from Novolarevskaya Station to the Patriot Hills, then ski to Holtanna in the Orvin Fjella Mountain Range, then proceed to the Wohlthat Mountains. The team's camping facilities will be basic and mobile. The team will use white gas for cooking. All wastes will be collected and transported back to Novolarevskaya for disposition.

Application for the permit is made by: Doug Stoup, President, Ice Axe Productions, Inc., 3650, NW., 5th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Location: Patriot Hills, the Orvin Fjella Mountain Range, and the Wohlthat Mountains, Antarctica.

Dates: October 1, 2003, to March 31, 2008.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2003, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. A permit was issued on August 26, 2003, to Erick Chiang, Permit No. 2004-006.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* General Licensee Registration.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0198.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Annually.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* General Licensees of the NRC who possess devices subject to registration under 10 CFR 31.5.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 3,000.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,000 hours annually (3,000 respondents x 20 minutes per form).

7. *Abstract:* NRC Form 664 would be used by NRC general licensees to make reports regarding certain generally licensed devices subject to registration. The registration program is intended to allow NRC to better track general licensees, so that they can be contacted or inspected as necessary, and to make sure that generally licensed devices can be identified even if lost or damaged, and to further ensure that general licensees are aware of and understand the requirements for the possession of devices containing byproduct material. Greater awareness helps to ensure that general licensees will comply with the requirements for proper handling and disposal of generally licensed devices and would reduce the potential for incidents that could result in unnecessary radiation exposure to the public and contamination of property.

Submit, by November 3, 2003, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC Worldwide Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-5 F52, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at (301)415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at infocollects@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of August, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-33819]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Issuance of a License Amendment of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Byproduct Material License No. 55-14065-03; Unitime Industries, Inc.

I. Summary

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering terminating Byproduct Material License No. 55-14065-03 to authorize the release of the licensee's facilities in Christiansted, St. Croix for unrestricted use and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of this action.

The NRC has reviewed the results of the final survey of the Unitime facility in Christiansted, St. Croix. Unitime Industries was authorized by the NRC from March 23, 1995, until the present to use manufactured watch dials and

hands containing luminous paint activated with tritium for the manufacture and repair of timepieces. In November 2001, Unitime Industries ceased operations with licensed materials at the Christiansted, St. Croix site, and requested that the NRC terminate the license. Unitime Industries has conducted surveys of the facility and determined that the facility meets the license termination criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has evaluated Unitime's request and the results of the surveys, performed a confirmatory survey, and has developed an EA in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the staff evaluation, the conclusion of the EA is a FONSI on human health and the environment for the proposed licensing action.

II. Environmental Assessment

Introduction

Unitime Industries has requested release, for unrestricted use, of their building located at Parcel 1C, Estate Diamond, Plots 8 and 9, in Christiansted, St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands, as authorized for use by NRC License No. 55-14065-03. License No. 55-14065-03 was issued on March 23, 1995, and amended periodically since that time. NRC-licensed activities performed at the Christiansted, St. Croix site were limited to the service and repair of returned timepieces the incorporation of timepiece self-luminous parts into timepieces. These activities were typically performed on bench tops. No outdoor areas were affected by the use of licensed materials. Licensed activities ceased completely in November 2001, and the licensee requested release of the facilities for unrestricted use. Based on the licensee's historical knowledge of the site and the condition of the facilities, the licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with licensee radiation safety procedures, were required. The licensee surveyed the facility and provided documentation that the facility meets the license termination criteria specified in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination."

The Proposed Action

The proposed action is to terminate NRC Radioactive Materials License Number 55-14065-03 and release the licensee's facilities in Christiansted, St. Croix, for unrestricted use. By letters dated November 30, 2001, February 11, 2002, and July 18, 2003, Unitime Industries provided survey results

which demonstrate that the Christiansted, St. Croix facility is in compliance with the radiological criteria for license termination in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination." No further actions will be required on the part of the licensee to remediate the facility.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to release the building located at Parcel 1C, Estate Diamond, Plots 8 and 9, in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, for unrestricted use and to terminate the Unitime Industries materials license. The need for the proposed action is to comply with NRC regulations and the Timeliness Rule. The licensee does not plan to perform any activities with licensed materials at this location. Maintaining the area under a license would reduce options for future use of the property and cause Unitime Industries to continue leasing a building for which it has no more use. NRC is fulfilling its responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act to make a decision on a proposed license amendment for release of facilities for unrestricted use that ensures protection of the public health and safety and environment.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

The only alternative to the proposed action of terminating the license and releasing the Christiansted, St. Croix facility will result in violation of NRC's Timeliness Rule (10 CFR 30.36), which requires licensees to decommission their facilities when licensed activities cease. The licensee does not plan to perform any activities with licensed materials at these locations. Maintaining the areas under a license would also reduce options for future use of the property.

The Affected Environment and Environmental Impacts

The Unitime building is a one story block building. Work with radioactive materials was done on work benches located within several rooms in the building. Watch parts and finished watches were stored in a safe. The building is located within an industrial park.

The NRC staff has reviewed the surveys performed by Unitime Industries to demonstrate compliance with the 10 CFR 20.1402 license termination criteria and has performed a confirmatory survey. Based on its review and the results of the confirmatory survey, the staff has