

in the Incidental Harassment Authorization.

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

To meet our NEPA requirements for the issuance of an IHA to the Observatory, we intend to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) titled "Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to a Marine Geophysical on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in the north Atlantic Ocean, from April 2013 through June 2013." This EA would incorporate as appropriate the Foundation's Environmental Analysis Pursuant To Executive Order 12114 (NSF, 2010) titled, "Marine geophysical survey by the R/V MARCUS G. Langseth on the mid-Atlantic Ridge, April–May 2013," by reference pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.21 and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6 § 5.09(d). Prior to making a final decision on the IHA application, we would decide whether or not to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Foundation's environmental analysis is available for review at the addresses set forth earlier in this notice. This notice and the documents it references provide all relevant environmental information related to our proposal to issue the IHA. We invite the public's comment and will consider any comments related to environmental effects related to the proposed issuance of the IHA submitted in response to this as we conduct and finalize our NEPA analysis.

### Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, we propose to authorize the take of marine mammals incidental to the Observatory's proposed marine seismic surveys on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in the north Atlantic Ocean from April 2013, through June 2013, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. The duration of the incidental harassment authorization would not exceed one year from the date of its issuance.

### Information Sought

We request interested persons to submit comments and information concerning this proposed project and our preliminary determination of issuing a take authorization (see ADDRESSES). Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, we will forward copies of this application to the Marine Mammal

Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 6, 2013.

**Matthew J. Brookhart,**

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. A business meeting will be held the following day on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Both the hearing and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Commission's office building located at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

**Public Hearing.** The public hearing on March 5, 2013 will run from 1:00 p.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. The list of projects scheduled for hearing, with descriptions, is currently available in a long form of this notice posted on the Commission's Web site, [www.drbc.net](http://www.drbc.net). Draft dockets and resolutions for hearing items will be posted on the Web site approximately ten days prior to the hearing date. Because hearings on particular projects may be postponed to allow additional time for the commission's review, interested parties are advised to check the Web site periodically prior to the hearing date. Postponements, if any, will be duly noted there.

**Public Meeting.** The business meeting on March 6, 2013 will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will include the following items: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's December 5, 2012 business meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, consideration of items for which a hearing has been completed, and a public dialogue session. The Commissioners also may consider action on matters not subject to a public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comments at the March 6 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on March 5 or a previous date. Commission consideration on March 6 of items for which the public hearing is closed may

result in either approval of the docket or resolution as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the commission on a future date.

*Advance sign-up for oral comment.*

Individuals who wish to comment for the record at the public hearing on March 5th or to address the Commissioners informally during the public dialogue portion of the meeting on March 6 are asked to sign up in advance by contacting Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at [paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us](mailto:paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us) or by phoning Ms. Schmitt at 609–883–9500 ext. 224.

*Addresses for written comment.*

Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be delivered by hand at the public hearing or submitted in advance of the hearing date to: Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 7360, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628; by fax to Commission Secretary, DRBC at 609–883–9522 or by email to [paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us](mailto:paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us). Written comment on dockets should also be furnished directly to the Project Review Section at the above address or fax number or by email to [william.muszynski@drbc.state.nj.us](mailto:william.muszynski@drbc.state.nj.us).

*Accommodations for Special Needs.*

Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the informational meeting, conference session or hearings should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609–883–9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

*Updates.* Items scheduled for hearing are occasionally postponed to allow more time for the Commission to consider them. Other meeting items also are subject to change. Please check the Commission's Web site, [www.drbc.net](http://www.drbc.net), closer to the meeting date for changes that may be made after the deadline for filing this notice.

*Additional Information, Contacts.* The list of projects scheduled for hearing, with descriptions, is currently available in a long form of this notice posted on the Commission's Web site, [www.drbc.net](http://www.drbc.net). Draft dockets and resolutions for hearing items will be posted as hyperlinks from the notice at

the same location approximately ten days prior to the hearing date. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Carol Adamovic, 609-883-9500, ext. 249. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact Project Review Section Assistant Victoria Lawson at 609-883-9500, ext. 216.

Dated: February 7, 2013.

**Pamela M. Bush,**

*Commission Secretary and Assistant General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Announcement of an open meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) and information pertaining to members of the public submitting third-party written and oral comments.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street NW., Room 8072, Washington, DC 20006.

**NACIQI'S Statutory Authority and Function:** The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. The NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under Subpart 2, Part H, Title IV, of the HEA, as amended.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations or a specific State approval agency.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvement in such process.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

- Any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the agenda for the June 6-7, 2013 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI); and provides information to members of the public on submitting written comments and on requesting to make oral comments at the meeting. The notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Section 114(d)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

**Meeting Date and Place:** The NACIQI meeting will be held on June 6-7, 2013, from approximately 8:00 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m., at a location to be determined in the Washington DC area. The exact location will be published in the **Federal Register** and on the Department's Web site at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/naciqi.html#meetings> by May 6, 2013.

**Meeting Agenda:** Below is a list of agencies, including their current and requested scopes of recognition, scheduled for review during the June 6-7, 2013 meeting:

#### Petitions for Continued Recognition

##### Accrediting Agencies

1. Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) (Current Scope: The accreditation of institutions of higher education throughout the United States that offer non-collegiate continuing education programs and those that offer occupational associate degree programs and those that offer such programs via distance education.)

2. Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) (Current Scope: The accreditation in the United States of professional optometric degree programs, optometric technician (associate degree) programs, and optometric residency programs, and for the preaccreditation categories of Preliminary Approval for professional optometric degree programs and Candidacy Pending for optometric residency programs in Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.)

3. Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS) (Current Scope: The accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Correspondent" and "Candidate") within the United States of advanced rabbinical and Talmudic schools.) (Requested Scope: The accreditation and pre-accreditation ("Correspondent"

and "Candidate") within the United States of advanced rabbinical and Talmudic schools which grant postsecondary degrees such as Baccalaureate, Masters, Doctorate, First Rabbinic and First Talmudic degrees.)

4. Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) (Current Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of graduate programs in healthcare management.)

5. National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation (NASD) (Current Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering dance and dance-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education.) (Requested Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering dance and dance-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance and correspondence education.)

6. National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation (NASAD)(Current Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering art/design and art/design-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education.) (Requested Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering art/design and art/design-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance and correspondence education.)

7. National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation (NASM) (Current Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering music and music-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education.) (Requested Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering music and music-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance and correspondence education.)

8. National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation (NAST) (Current Scope: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions, and units offering theatre and theatre-related programs (both degree- and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education.) (Requested Scope: