

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (24–061)]

Performance Review Board, Senior Executive Service (SES)

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of membership of SES Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, Public Law 95–454 (Section 405) requires that appointments of individual members to the Performance Review Board (PRB) be published in the **Federal Register**.

The performance review function for the SES in NASA is being performed by the NASA PRB. The following individuals are serving on the Board:

Performance Review Board

Chairperson, Associate Administrator
Deputy Associate Administrator
Chief Human Capital Officer
Director for Executive Services
Associate Administrator for the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity
Associate Administrator for the Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate
Chief Information Officer
Center Director, Langley Research Center

Allison Lyons,

Program Manager, Executive Performance Management, Executive Services Division, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer.

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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 October 15, 2024. 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: Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–4479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 671), 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: 2025–011

1. *Applicant:* Robin West, VP & GM Expeditions, Seabourn Quest, Seabourn Cruise Line Ltd., 450 Third Ave. W, Seattle, WA 98119.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management. The applicant proposes to operate small, battery-operated remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) consisting, in part, of a quadcopter equipped with cameras to collect commercial and educational footage of the Antarctic. The quadcopter would not be flown over concentrations of birds or mammals, or over Antarctic Specially Protected Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments. The RPAS would only be operated by pilots with extensive experience, who are pre-approved by the Expedition Leader. Several mitigation measures to reduce environmental impacts and prevent against loss of the quadcopter include painting the them a high-visibility color; only flying when the wind is less than 25 knots; flying for only 15 minutes at a time to preserve battery life; having prop guards on propeller tips, a flotation device if operated over water, and an “auto go home” feature in case of loss of control link or low battery; having an observer on the lookout for wildlife, people, and other hazards; ensuring that the separation between the operator and quadcopter does not exceed an operational range of 500 meters; and implementing biosecurity measures by using disinfecting agents before and

after each flight. The applicant is seeking a Waste Permit to cover any accidental releases that may result from operating the RPAS.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 27, 2024–March 6, 2028.

Permit Application: 2025–013

2. *Applicant:* Heather Lynch, Stony Brook University, IACS 163, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act waste management permit for activities associated with penguin population surveys in the Western Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands. The applicant proposes using battery-powered, quadrotor unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to assist in the collection of imagery data for a multi-scale population census of penguin colonies. The UAV will only be flown by a pilot with extensive experience. Mitigation measures will be put in place to prevent loss of aircraft. These measures include UAVs being flown by a trained pilot in fair-weather conditions and having stationed observers maintain visual contact with the aircraft at all times. The applicant proposes various recovery methods in the unlikely event that an aircraft is lost over land or sea. These measures will limit any potential impacts on the Antarctic environment. The applicant seeks a waste permit to cover any accidental release that may result from UAV use.

Location: King George Island, South Shetland Islands; Western Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates of Permitted Activities: December 1, 2024–March 1, 2025.

Alina Pavao,

Administrative Assistant, Office of Polar Programs.

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Application Details

Permit Application: 2025–012

1. *Applicant:* Heather Lynch, Stony Brook University, IACS 163, Stony Brook, NY 11794

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Harmful Interference, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant would survey chinstrap penguin (*Pygoscelis antarctica*) colonies in the South Shetland Islands including multiple sites on Low Island. The outcomes of the surveys would be useful in determining population abundance and distribution of chinstrap penguins, important consumers of Antarctic krill. Surveys would be completed using direct manual counts (on foot) and by operating small, remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) over colonies. RPAS would be operated by experienced pilots at altitudes of at least 30 meters above wildlife. Although no significant disturbance is expected, both manual counts and RPAS overflights have the potential to disturb chinstrap penguins as well as Adelie penguins (*Pygoscelis adeliae*), Gentoo penguins (*Pygoscelis papua*), the Southern giant petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*), Southern fulmar (*Fulmarus*

glacialisoides), Cape petrel (*Deception capense*), Antarctic blue-eyed shag (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*), Antarctic brown skua (*Catharacta antarctica*), South polar skua (*Catharacta maccormicki*), Kelp gull (*Larus dominicanus*), and the Antarctic tern (*Sterna vittata*) based on the location of the surveys. While conducting visitor site surveys and censuses, the applicant would potentially enter a number of Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs) in the Antarctic Peninsula region.

Location: King George Island, South Shetland Islands, Robert Island, Livingston Island; Western Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 112, Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 125, Fildes Peninsula, King George Island (25 de Mayo); ASPA 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 128, Western shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 132, Potter Peninsula, King George Island (Isla 25 de Mayo, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 133, Harmony Point, Nelson Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 134, Cierva Point and offshore islands, Danco Coast, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 139, Biscoe Point, Anvers Island, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 150, Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay, King George Island (25 de Mayo); ASPA 151, Lions Rump, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 171, Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula, King George Island; ASPA 180, Danger Islands; ASPA 182, Western Bransfield Strait and Eastern Dallman Bay.

Dates of Permitted Activities: December 1, 2024–March 1, 2025

Alina Pavao,

Administrative Assistant, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–611 and 50–612; NRC–2023–0138]

Kairos Power LLC; Notice of Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Construction permit application; Notice of uncontested hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) will commence an uncontested hearing, in which the Commission will receive

written evidence in the form of testimony and exhibits regarding the application from Kairos Power LLC (Kairos) for a construction permit (CP) to construct a non-power test reactor termed Hermes 2 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

DATES: The Commission may issue written questions to the parties (the NRC staff and the applicant) no later than September 26, 2024. For the full schedule for submitting documents in this hearing, see Sections V and VI of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2023–0138 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2023–0138. Address questions about Docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](https://www.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.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wesley W. Held, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone: 301–287–3591; email: Wesley.Held@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: