NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.


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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 23, 2015 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of a permit application received. The permit was issued on October 23, 2015 to:

Permit No. 2016–008

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


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2015–0246 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:


• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then 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 available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The application for amendment for Indian Point dated August 20, 2013, was supplemented by letters dated November 21, 2013, May 13 and July 24, 2014, and January 16, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML13239A447, ML13354B780, ML14149A247, ML14219A326, and ML15030A031, respectively), and citing letters dated April 27 and October 27, 2011, and January 4, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML11124A075, ML11314A070, and ML12019A048, respectively). Those letters containing SUNSI are being withheld from public disclosure.

• NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One
The proposed action is in accordance with ENO’s application dated August 20, 2013, as supplemented by letters dated November 21, 2013, May 13 and July 24, 2014, and January 16, 2015, and citing letters dated April 27 and October 27, 2011, and January 4, 2012.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the transfer, receipt, possession, transportation, importation and use of those firearms and devices needed in the performance of official duties, to transfer, receive, possess, transport, import, and use certain firearms, and large capacity ammunition feeding devices necessary to protect Indian Point and associated special nuclear materials, consistent with the Indian Point NRC-approved security plan.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action would only allow the use of those firearms and devices necessary to protect Indian Point and associated special nuclear material, consistent with the Indian Point NRC-approved security plant. Therefore, the proposed action would not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. In addition, the proposed action would not change the types and the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite. There would also be no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there would be no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action would not impact land, air, or water resources, including biota. In addition, the proposed action would not result in any socioeconomic or environmental justice impacts or impacts to historic and cultural resources. Therefore, there would also be no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that issuance of the requested amendment would not result in significant environmental impacts.

The NRC will publish in the Federal Register a copy of the final environmental assessment as part of the final finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denying the proposed action (i.e., the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the license amendment request would result in no change in current environmental conditions at Indian Point.

Alternative Use of Resources

The proposed action would not involve the use of any resources.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The staff did not consult with any Federal Agency or New York state agencies regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action.

IV. Finding of No Significant Impact

The licensee has requested a license amendment to permit licensee security personnel, in the performance of their official duties, to transfer, receive, possess, transport, import, and use certain firearms, and large capacity ammunition feeding devices not previously permitted to be owned or possessed, notwithstanding State, local, and certain Federal firearms laws, or regulations that would otherwise prohibit such actions.

On the basis of the information presented in this environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action would not cause any significant environmental impact and would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. In addition, the NRC has determined that an environmental impact statement is not necessary for the evaluation of this proposed action.

Other than the licensee’s letter dated August 20, 2013, there are no other environmental documents associated with this review. This document is available for public inspection as indicated above.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of October, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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