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Costs: n/a.

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Dated: August 10, 2018.

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views with respect to this permit application by September 17, 2018. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Pular Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–8030, or ACPermits@nsf.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 670 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

**Application Details**

**Permit Application:** 2019–004

1. Applicant: Brenda Hall, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Take, Import into USA. The applicant would collect samples of long-dead penguins and seals from islands in the vicinity of Pine Island Bay. The samples would be collected from beach sediments by shovel and would consist of small fragments of bone, skin, and eggshells. The samples would be imported in the United States for analysis. The applicant holds a marine mammal permit exemption letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service for the seal samples to document that the samples qualify as pre-Marine Mammal Protection Act specimens.

**Location**

Pine Island Bay, Antarctica.

**Dates of Permitted Activities**

January 1–April 1, 2019.

**Permit Application:** 2019–006

3. Applicant: Michelle LaRue, University of Minnesota, 116 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Harmful Interference, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPs). Applicant would conduct aerial surveys over emperor penguin colonies at Cape Royds, Ross Island, Cape Washington, Coulman Island, Cape Crozier, and Cape roget. Photographs of the colonies would be taken at an oblique angle at an altitude of approximately 500m from a helicopter or a fixed wing aircraft. The photographs would be used to assess the spatial extent of the colony, number of individual penguins, and habitat characteristics. The aerial surveys may involve flights over ASPAs 105, 124, and 173. The applicant would also enter ASPA 124, Cape Crozier, on foot, to photograph the emperor penguin colony if weather conditions do not allow for flight.

**Location**

Ross Sea Region, Antarctica; ASPA 105, Berkoff Island; Franklin Island; ASPA 173, Cape Washington and Sliverfish Bay; Coulman Island; ASPA 124, Cape Crozier; Cape Roget.

**DATES OF PERMITTED ACTIVITIES**

October 15–November 30, 2018.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**STEM Education Advisory Panel; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

**Name and Committee Code:** STEM Education Advisory Panel (#2624).

**Date and Time:** September 12, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22314.

To help facilitate your entry into the building, please contact Keaven Stevenson via email at kstevens@nsf.gov or by phone: 703.292.8663 on or prior to September 7, 2018.

**Type of Meeting:** Part-Open.

**Contact Person:** Keaven Stevenson, Directorate Administrative Coordinator, Room C 11044, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Information: 703–292–8663/kstevens@nsf.gov.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations to the Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education (CoSTEM) and for the Panel to identify priority areas for the next year.

**Agenda:** STEM Education Advisory Panel agenda attached. Please check the website for any additional updates prior to the meeting at https://nsf.gov/ehr/STEMEdAdvisory.jsp.

**Reason for Closing:** The panel will review and discuss a draft government report. This discussion must be kept confidential. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (9)(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.


**Crystal Robinson,**

Committee Management Officer.

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