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Subject: Hverastrýtur í Eyjafirði

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application, dated 27.6.2017. The applicant is planning science research and sampling by Ystuvíkurstrýtur and Arnarnesstrýtur in Eyjafjörður, north Iceland.

Description of the project:

The plan is to collect water samples from the cones forming at Arnarnestrýtur and Ystuvíkurstrýtur. We also wish to determine which microbe types are living on the surface of these structures. We also wish to sample 5-15 gram amounts of the precipitates formed to investigate the mineralogy.

Work will be performed in the presence of Erlendur Bogason who takes care of the protected areas of behalf of the Environment Agency.

According to government advertisements No. 249/2001 on the protection of the cones of Ystavík and No. 510/2007 an application/permit is needed for all science research within the protected areas. In the process the agency consults a consultative committee of Hverastrýtur and Hverastrýtur, norður af Arnarnesnöfum.

The committee gave a positive review on the research. The permit is hereby granted.

Guidelines from the Environment Agency:

- This permit is granted for the period August 20th to September 10th.
- The research will be performed in the presence of Erlendur Bogason.
- Keep the signed permit letter with you at location.
- This permit is only valid for research purposes. It does not include permit to utilize the samples for commercial purposes. The samples cannot be signed over to third party for commercial use.
- Every measure should be taken to avoid damage to the sites and unnecessary disturbance while collecting the samples.



• The Environment Agency of Iceland wishes to be secured, free of charge, a copy of all reports and scientific articles that results from the research project.

A separate permit from the National Energy Authority in Iceland <u>os@os.is</u> is needed to conduct research at geothermal sites in Iceland which should also be kept with you at the research site.

This permit is only on behalf of the Environment of Iceland. If you wish to transport samples from Iceland a special permit will be needed from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History (www.ni.is).

Forstjóri

Sincerely

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