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## Subject: Research permitt

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received a request from Benthe Gijzel on behalf of Jasmijn van der Graaf, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2016, regarding permits to collect three small soil samples from Gevsir area.

Geysir is a site of special interest, where the hot springs are protected by article 61 in the Icelandic nature protection law, no. 60/2013.

## **Description of the project:**

The project will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2016, participants are from Jasmijn van der Graaf.

Project title: Extended Essay for School Project

The researcher will take three soil samples alongside the paths and take them to their school's laboratory to find out what the chemical components of the soil are. They will also write down the types of plants that grow on the soil and compare the results. The researcher will not disturb anything.

## The permit is subjected to the following conditions:

The Environmental Agency of Iceland grants you permission to collect three small soil samples at the Geysir area. The research permit for the three small soil samples is subjected to the following conditions:

- This permission is granted for the period 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.
- The Environment Agency requests that the researcher will contact the rangers working in these areas before field work begins and inform him on your intensions (+354 591-2000).
- Sampling should be conducted while visitor number is at minimum.
- Keep the signed permit letter with you during your research.
- 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 the purpose of commercial use.
- Every measure should be taken to avoid damage to the sites and unnecessary disturbance while collecting the samples.
- It is strictly prohibited to walk on the sinter.

- The Environment Agency of Iceland wishes to be secured, free of charge, a copy of all reports and scientific articles that result from the research project.
- If you wish to transport the samples from Iceland you will need a permission from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History (www.ni.is, e-mail: ni@ni.is).

## The Environment Agency notes the following:

• A separate permit from the National Energy Authority in Iceland is needed to conduct research at geothermal sites in Iceland which the researchers should also carry at the research site. (www.os.is, email: os@os.is).

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