

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Office of Polar Programs;
Comprehensive Environmental
Evaluations for Antarctic Activities**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: National Science Foundation gives notice of the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (FEIS/FCEE) for activities proposed to be undertaken in Antarctica.

DATES: The waiting period ends January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, ppenhale@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Environmental Officer, Office of Polar Programs, (703) 292-8033, ppenhale@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 3 of Annex I to the Protocol on Environmental Protection of the Antarctic Treaty requires the preparation of an EIS/CEE for any proposed Antarctic activity likely to have more than a minor or transitory impact. The Draft EIS/CEE for Project IceCube was made publicly available and comments were accepted during a 90-day comment period, as specified in 45 CFR 641.18(c). The Final EIS/CEE containing comments received on the Draft EIS/CEE and responses to these comments, is now publicly available and has been circulated to all Parties to the Protocol and parties that commented on the Draft EIS/CEE. This notice is published pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2403a.

The National Science Foundation has submitted this Final EIS/CEE, for the operation of a high-energy neutrino telescope (Project IceCube) at the South Pole. The document is available on the Internet at http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/antarct/treaty/cees/icecube/icecube_final_cee.pdf.

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Permit Officer.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 70-36]

**Notice of License Amendment Request
of Westinghouse Electric Company,
LLC, Festus, MO, and Opportunity To
Request a Hearing**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of license amendment, and opportunity to request a hearing.

DATES: A request for a hearing must be filed by January 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amir Kouhestani, Project Manager, Decommissioning Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: (301) 415-0023; fax number: (301) 415-5398; e-mail: aak@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated October 5, 2004, a request from Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, (WEC as the licensee) to amend Chapter 1 of Special Nuclear Materials License (No. SNM-33) to allow dismantlement and demolition of the building complexes at its Hematite facility located in Festus, Missouri. License No. SNM-33 authorizes the licensee to conduct certain decontamination activities necessary to reduce the current inventory of Atomic Energy Act materials, e.g., packaging and shipping materials and to engage in activities necessary to plan for decommissioning of the site, e.g., site characterization and maintaining the site in a safe condition pending license termination. However, the licensee is prohibited from performing building demolition, soil and groundwater remediation, and conducting final status surveys until these activities are approved by a specific license amendment or an NRC-approved Decommissioning Plan. Specifically, the licensee requests authorization to dismantle and demolish Hematite facility buildings 101, 110, 115, 120, 230, 231, 235, 240, 245, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 260, and 261, all located on approximately ten acres of land at the Westinghouse Hematite facility.

An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to Westinghouse dated October 14, 2004, found the amendment request acceptable to begin

a technical review. If approved, the authorization to dismantle and demolish building, will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. SNM-33. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a license amendment to Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-33 to allow dismantlement and demolition of the building complexes at the WEC Hematite facility located in Festus, Missouri. In accordance with the general requirements in subpart C of 10 CFR part 2, as amended on January 14, 2004 (69 FR 2182), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who desires to participate as a party must file a written request for a hearing and a specification of the contentions which the person seeks to have litigated in the hearing.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.302 (a), a request for a hearing must be filed with the Commission either by:

1. First class mail addressed to: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications;

2. Courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal work days;

3. E-mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV; or

4. By facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, at (301) 415-1101; verification number is (301) 415-1966.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.302 (b), all documents offered for filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys of record as required by law or by rule or order of the Commission, including:

1. The applicant, Westinghouse Electric Company, 3300 State Road P, Festus, Missouri 63028, Attention: Mr. Henry A. Sepp, Project Director; and