

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes to take photographs of named geographic features throughout the McMurdo Sound region. The photographs will illustrate a geographically arranged gazetteer or "field guide" to the features. The applicant proposes to enter the Barwick Valley, Victoria Land (ASPAs #123) to fully document the Barwick Valley features which will benefit the scientific community in current and future work. Delineating data accompanying each photograph will include latitude, longitude, altitude, date, time, elevation, look direction, focal length and associated camera settings. The photographs and accompanying data will provide the potential for contemporary and future comparative studies of landscape change, thereby reducing need for access to the ASPA. The applicant proposes a single two day journey into the Barwick Valley and will fully comply with the designated management plan for the site.

In addition, the applicant proposes to enter Discovery Hut (ASPAs #157), Cape Evans Historic Site (ASPAs #154), and Hut and Associated Artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASPAs #156) for the purpose of reproducing historic photos of the area for use in the described gazetteer.

**Location**

ASPAs #123—Barwick Valley, Victoria Land  
 ASPAs #154—Cape Evans Historic Site  
 ASPAs #156—Hut and associated artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island  
 ASPAs #157—Discovery Hut, Hut Point, Ross Island

**Dates**

August 22, 2003 to February 15, 2004.  
 2. *Applicant*—Permit Application No. 2004-003, Mark Buckley, Multimedia Manager, Raytheon Polar Services Company, 7400 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

**Activity for Which Permit Is Requested**

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant is a member of Raytheon Polar Services Company, which is the prime civilian contractor to the U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP), and is tasked by the National Science Foundation (NSF) with video production in Antarctica. During the past several years, unprecedented ice conditions had adverse impact on penguin colonies in the McMurdo Sound and Ross Sea region. With the recent calving of C-19 and the influence

of B-15, it is expected that scientific interest and activities, as well as public interests will continue. Therefore the applicant proposes his staff of videographers be permitted to enter the Antarctic Specially Protected Areas of Beaufort Island (ASPAs 105), New College Valley, Cape Bird (ASPAs 116), Cape Royds, Ross Island (ASPAs 121), and Cape Crozier, Ross Island (ASPAs 124) for the purpose of taking "low impact" documentary film footage. The video team will accompany a similarly permitted researcher into the sites to film scientific research. Access to the sites will be dependant upon operational, scientific conditions, and availability of transportation.

**Location**

Beaufort Island (ASPAs 105), New College Valley, Cape Bird (ASPAs 116), Cape Royds, Ross Island (ASPAs 121), and, Cape Crozier, Ross Island (ASPAs 124).

Dates: October 1, 2003 to February 14, 2006.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455, STN 50-456, STN 50-457]

**Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee) to withdraw its March 19, 2002, application as supplemented by their letters dated November 26, 2002, and March 13, 2003, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66 for the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois, and Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77 for the Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would have revised the method of controlling the fuel cycle unfavorable exposure time (UET) related to an anticipated transient without scram (ATWS) event. Specifically, the proposed change would have deleted TS 5.6.5.b.5 and appropriately would have revised the discussion of an ATWS event in the

Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 15.8, "Anticipated Transient Without Scram."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 2002, (67 FR 42825). However, by letter dated March 13, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 19, 2002, as supplemented by their letter November 26, 2002, and the licensee's letter dated March 13, 2003, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of May 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mahesh Chawla,**

*Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate 3, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 030-18286]

**Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a License Amendment for Covance Laboratories, Madison, WI****I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Covance Laboratories, Inc.'s (Covance) Byproduct Material License No. 48-11805-02, authorizing Covance to release its Deming Way facility located in Madison, Wisconsin, for unrestricted use. In December 1989, the NRC granted

Covance a license for the Deming Way facility for in-vitro research and development utilizing tracer quantities of H-3 and C-14, and chemical analyses utilizing Ni-63 as a foil or plated source for gas chromatography. On November 22, 2002, Covance notified the NRC that it was ceasing operations at the Deming Way facility and requested release of this facility for unrestricted use. The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this licensing action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. The conclusion of the EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed licensing action.

## II. EA Summary

The proposed amendment would allow Covance to remove the Deming Way facility from its license and release the facility for unrestricted use. Covance provided survey results which demonstrate that the Deming Way facility is in compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402, "Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use."

The staff has examined Covance's request and the information that the licensee has provided in support of its request, to ensure that the NRC's decision is protective of the public health and safety and the environment.

## III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The staff has prepared the EA (summarized above) in support of Covance's proposed license amendment to release the Deming Way facility for unrestricted use. On the basis of the EA, the staff has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed action would not be significant. Accordingly, the staff has determined that a FONSI is appropriate, and has determined that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

## IV. Further Information

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Covance's request, the EA summarized above, and the documents related to this proposed action are available electronically for public inspection and copying from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. These documents include Covance's letter to NRC dated November 22, 2002, with enclosures (Accession No. ML030640568); Covance's letter to NRC dated January 31, 2003, with enclosures (Accession No. ML030790430);

Covance's letter to NRC dated March 13, 2003 (Accession No. ML030790430); and the EA summarized above (Accession No. ML031330660). Any questions with respect to this action should be directed to Dr. Peter J. Lee, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351; telephone (630) 829-9870 or by email at [pjl2@nrc.gov](mailto:pjl2@nrc.gov).

Dated at Lisle, Illinois, this 12th day of May, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Christopher G. Miller,**

Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, RIII.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting on June 12-13, 2003, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 20, 2002 (67 FR 70094).

#### Thursday, June 12, 2003

8:30 a.m.—8:35 a.m.: *Opening Statement by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.—12:45 p.m.: *Workshop on Safety Culture: Panel A—Collective Understanding of Safety Culture* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, nuclear industry, private consultants, and public regarding collective understanding of safety culture.

1:45 p.m.—5 p.m.: *Workshop on Safety Culture (continued): Panel B—Attributes of Safety Culture* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, nuclear industry, private consultants, and public regarding attributes of safety culture.

5 p.m.—6 p.m.: *Conclusions and Outcome of the Workshop* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the conclusions resulting from the Workshop.

#### Friday, June 13, 2003

8:30 a.m.—8:35 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.—10 a.m.: *Update to Generic License Renewal Guidance Documents* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding potential improvements to license renewal guidance documents (Generic Aging Lessons Learned Report; Regulatory Guide 1.188, Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses; Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications; and NEI 95-10, Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR part 54).

10 a.m.—10:30 a.m.: *Subcommittee Report on the Fort Calhoun License Renewal Application* (Open)—Report by the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on License Renewal regarding the Subcommittee's review of the license renewal application for the Fort Calhoun Station Unit 1 and the associated NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report.

10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.: *Proposed Strategy for Preparing the 2004 ACRS Report on the NRC Safety Research Program* (Open)—Report by the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on Safety Research Program regarding a proposed strategy for preparing the 2004 ACRS report on the NRC Safety Research Program.

12:45 p.m.—1:45 p.m.: *Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

1:45 a.m.—2 p.m.: *Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

2:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m.: *Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open/Closed)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will consider a proposed ACRS report on Safeguards and Security (Closed). *The discussion of the Safeguards and Security report will be held in Room T-8E8.*

6:30 p.m.—7 p.m.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2002 (67 FR 63460). In accordance with