

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to collect up to 100 seeds and 300 plants of *Deschampsia antarctica* (Antarctic hairgrass), and up to 100 seed capsules and up to 300 plants of *Colobanthus quitensis* (Antarctic pearlwort), as well as soil samples. This material will be used to study the effects of climate change (warming, altered precipitation and enhanced UV-B) on Antarctic plants and productivity of Antarctic terrestrial ecosystems. Seeds are needed to propagate material at the applicant's home institution for examining plant responses to climate change factors. Plants and soils are needed to examine how plant productivity and soil characteristics (e.g., carbon pools) change along natural microclimate gradients representing differences in temperature and moisture regime. Plants and soils are also needed for transplant in the lab at Palmer Station where temperatures, precipitation, and UV-B radiation will be manipulated around the plants in order to study their responses. Transported plants and soils will subsequently be harvested and returned to the applicant's home institution for chemical analyses.

Location

Biscoe Point (ASPA #139) and other islands in the vicinity of Palmer Station, Anvers Island.

Dates

December 1, 2003 to August 31, 2006.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Business and Operations Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

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

Name: Business and Operations Advisory Committee (9556).

Date/Time: December 2, 2003; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (e.s.t.)

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 525-II, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open—Teleconference. Please contact Joan Miller (below) for a dial-in number.

Contact Person: Joan Miller, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; (703) 292-8200.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF's business operations.

Agenda: December 2, 2003. Discussion of NSF's Business Analysis study.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

All of these meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will no longer be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web site: www.nsf.gov/home/pubinfo/advisory.htm. This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8182.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-09472]

Notice of Consideration of Request for License Termination of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office License and Release of Its Facility in Wichita, Kansas Amendment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request to terminate Byproduct Material License No. 15-15618-01.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 e-mail at pjl2@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office (VA) Byproduct Material License No. 15-15618-01, to terminate the license and release its facility located at 5500 East Kellogg in Wichita, Kansas, 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. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to allow the release of the licensee's Wichita, Kansas facility for unrestricted use. This license was approved for in-vitro research utilizing labeled compounds, such as H-3, C-14, P-32, and others. On June 6, 2003, the VA requested that the NRC release the facility for unrestricted use. The VA has conducted surveys of the facility and provided information to the NRC to demonstrate that the site meets the license termination criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR part 20 for unrestricted release. The staff has examined VA's request and the information that the licensee has provided in support of its request, including the surveys performed by VA to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402, "Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use," to ensure that the NRC's decision

is protective of the public health and safety and the environment. Based on its review, the staff has determined that the affected environment and the environmental impacts associated with the unrestricted use of the VA's facilities are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities" (NUREG-1496). The staff also finds that the proposed release for unrestricted use of the VA facility is in compliance with the 10 CFR 20.1402.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The staff has prepared the EA (summarized above) in support of VA's proposed license amendment to release the Wichita 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," VA'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 VA's letter dated June 6, 2003, with enclosures (Accession No. ML032960318); and the EA summarized above (Accession No. ML033020066).

Dated at Lisle, Illinois, this 28th day of October 2003.

Christopher G. Miller,

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316]

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Receipt of Application for Renewal of Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74 for an Additional 20-Year Period

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has

received an application, dated October 31, 2003, from the Indiana Michigan Power Company, filed pursuant to Section 104b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR Part 54, to renew Operating License Nos. DPR-58 and DPR-74 for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. Renewal of the license would authorize the applicant to operate the facility for an additional 20-year period. The current operating licenses for the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, expire on October 25, 2014 and December 23, 2017, respectively. The D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, are pressurized-water reactors designed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and are located in Berrien County, Michigan. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing, and other matters including an opportunity to request for a hearing, will be addressed in subsequent **Federal Register** notices.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or electronically from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML033070179. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. In addition, the application is available on the NRC Web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>, while the application is under review. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

The staff has also verified that a copy of the license renewal application for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant has been provided to the Bridgman Public Library, at 4460 Lake Street, Bridgman, Michigan and the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, at 500 Market Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John R. Tappert,

Acting Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-02377]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Opportunity for Providing Comments and Requesting a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Consideration of Approval of a revision to the Decommissioning Plan for the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation Facility in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and an Opportunity for a Hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John T. Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607, fax number (301) 415-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering approval of a revision to the Phase 2 Decommissioning Plan (DP) for the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation (Kaiser) Facility in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Decommissioning of the Kaiser facility is being conducted in two Phases. In Phase 1, Kaiser remediated the land adjacent to the Kaiser property. In Phase 2, Kaiser will remediate its facility. On May 25, 2001, Kaiser submitted the Phase 2 DP. The Phase 2 DP was noticed in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2001 (66 FR 54792). NRC approved the Phase 2 DP on June 8, 2003.

On October 6, 2003, Kaiser submitted a request to revise Chapter 14 of the DP. The revision will correct an error in Chapter 14, which incorrectly identified the Average Derived Concentration Level (ADCL_w) as the acceptance criteria for the 14 acre pond parcel area of the site. Kaiser has stated that the revisions to Chapter 14 will not change the scope of the work in the approved DP.

Prior to approving the DP revision, NRC will make findings in accordance with 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 Provide Comments

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1405, the NRC is providing notice to