

Background

This Notice is issued pursuant to 17 U.S.C. 804(b)(2), which requires the commencement of proceedings “in the year 2007 to determine reasonable terms and rates of royalty payments for the activities described in section 112(e)(1) relating to the limitation on exclusive rights specified by section 114(d)(1)(C)(iv), to become effective on January 1, 2009.” Section 112(e)(1) allows entities that transmit performances of sound recordings to business establishments, pursuant to the limitations set forth in section 114(d)(1)(C)(iv), to make an ephemeral recording of a sound recording for purposes of a later transmission. Section 803(b)(1)(A)(II) requires the Copyright Royalty Judges to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** no later than January 5, 2007, commencing this proceeding.

Petitions to Participate

Any party who wishes to participate in this proceeding must submit to the Copyright Royalty Board a Petition to Participate by no later than February 5, 2007. 17 U.S.C. 803(b)(1)(A)(ii). The single or joint Petition to Participate must provide all of the information required by 37 CFR 351.1(b)(1). The Petition to Participate must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. Cash will not be accepted; therefore, parties must pay the filing fee with a check or money order made payable to “Copyright Royalty Board.” If a check received in payment of the filing fee is returned for lack of sufficient funds, the corresponding Petition to Participate will be dismissed. Note that in accordance with 37 CFR 350.2 (Representation), only attorneys who are members of the bar in one or more states and in good standing will be allowed to represent parties before the Copyright Royalty Judges if a party does not solely represent him or herself.

Dated: December 27, 2006.

James Scott Sledge,

Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is open to the public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 7695B, *Aircraft Accident Report—Crash of Pinnacle Airlines Flight 3701*, Bombardier CL-600-2B19, N8396A, Jefferson City, Missouri, October 14, 2004.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Terry Williams: (202) 314-6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Chris Bisett at (202) 314-6305 by Friday, January 5, 2007.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived webcast by accessing a link under “News & Events” on the NTSB home page at <http://www.nts.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky D’Onofrio, (202) 314-6410.

Dated: December 29, 2006.

Vicky D’Onofrio,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information Pertaining to the Requirement To Be Submitted

1. *The title of the information collection:* Policy Statement for the “Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof By States Through Agreement,” Maintenance of Existing Agreement State Programs, Request for Information Through the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Questionnaire, and Agreement State Participation in IMPEP.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* OMB 3150-0183.

3. *How often the collection is required:* There are four activities that occur under this collection: Information collection activities required by the IMPEP questionnaire in preparation for

an IMPEP review conducted no less frequently than every four years; while the following activities are all collected on an annual basis—policy statement addressing requirements for new Agreement States; participation by Agreement States in the IMPEP reviews; and annual requirements for Agreement States to maintain their programs.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* 34 Agreement States who have signed Section 274b. Agreements with NRC.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 34.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* For States interested in becoming Agreement States: Approximately 4,300 hours. For Agreement State participation in 10 IMPEP reviews (7 Agreement States, 1 NRC Regional Office and 2 Follow-up reviews): 360 hours (an average of 36 hours per review). For maintenance of existing Agreement State programs: 255,600 hours (an average of approximately 7,517 hours per State for 34 Agreement States). For Agreement State response to 7 IMPEP questionnaires annually: 371 hours (an average of 53 hours per program). The total number of hours expended annually is 260,631 hours.

7. *Abstract:* States wishing to become Agreement States are requested to provide certain information to the NRC as specified by the Commission’s Policy Statement, “Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof By States Through Agreement.” Agreement States need to ensure that the Radiation Control Program under the Agreement remains adequate and compatible with the requirements of Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act (Act) and must maintain certain information. NRC conducts periodic evaluations through IMPEP to ensure that these programs are compatible with the NRC’s program, meet the applicable parts of the Act, and are adequate to protect public health and safety.

Submit, by March 6, 2007, comments that address the following questions;

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, Maryland 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo Shelton (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of December 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8964]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Addition of the Reynolds Ranch Area to Power Resources, Inc's Smith Ranch/Highlands Uranium Project, Converse County, WY

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Park, Environmental and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone: (301) 415-5835; Fax number: (301) 415-5397; E-mail: jrp@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

By letter dated January 14, 2005, Power Resources, Inc. (PRI) submitted a request to amend its U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Source Material License SUA-1548 for the Smith Ranch-Highland Uranium Project

(SR-HUP), located in Converse County, Wyoming. PRI requested that the SR-HUP permit area be modified to include the Reynolds Ranch area, which encompasses approximately 8700 acres (3521 hectares) and is contiguous with the current northern boundary of the SR-HUP permit area. PRI desires to conduct in-situ leach uranium mining in the Reynolds Ranch area. PRI modified its amendment application by letter dated April 7, 2005.

The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of its review of PRI's application 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

Background

PRI's SR-HUP is a commercial in-situ leach (ISL) uranium mining facility located in the South Powder River Basin, Converse County, Wyoming. The main office and Central Processing Plant complex is located at Smith Ranch, about 17 air miles (22 road miles) (27 air/35 road kilometers (km)) northeast of Glenrock, Wyoming, and 23 air miles (25 road miles) (37 air/40 road km) northwest of Douglas, Wyoming. NRC issued PRI's current NRC license for the SR-HUP (Source Material License SUA-1548) on August 18, 2003, as part of a license renewal process. Commercial ISL uranium production began at the Highland site in January 1988 and at the Smith Ranch site in June 1997.

Under SUA-1548, PRI is authorized, through its ISL process, to produce up to 5.5 million pounds (2.5 million kilograms) per year of tri-uranium octoxide (U₃O₈), also known as "yellowcake." PRI's current annual production is less than half of this limit.

Review Scope

The NRC staff has reviewed PRI's request in accordance with the NRC's environmental protection regulations in 10 CFR part 51. Those regulations implement section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The EA provides the results of the NRC staff's environmental review; the NRC staff's radiation safety review of PRI's request will be documented separately in a Safety Evaluation Report.

The NRC staff has prepared the EA in accordance with NRC requirements in 10 CFR 51.21 and 51.30, and with the associated guidance in NRC report NUREG-1748, "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions

Associated with Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Programs" (NRC, 2003). In 40 CFR 1508.9, the Council on Environmental Quality defines an EA as a concise public document that briefly provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement or a FONSI.

The NRC staff's review addressed the environmental impacts of PRI's currently-approved mining operations at the SR-HUP only insofar as such operations would be modified by the proposed mining at the Reynolds Ranch amendment area.

Proposed Action

PRI is proposing to modify its permit area boundary to accommodate the Reynolds Ranch area, and to conduct ISL operations within that area. As part of such operations, PRI would construct eight wellfields and a satellite ion-exchange facility for the recovery of uranium and for wellfield restoration following mining operations, and operate a deep disposal well for the disposal of liquid wastes. The ore deposits in the SR-HUP and Reynolds Ranch amendment area generally occur at depths of 450 feet (137 meters (m)) to 1000 feet (305 m) below the surface in long narrow trends varying from a few hundred to several thousand feet long and 20 to 300 feet (6 to 91 m) wide. The depth depends on the local topography, the dip of the formation, and the stratigraphic horizon. At the Reynolds Ranch amendment area, the shallower ore deposits are contained within the U/S-Sand, with the mineable ore in this sand occurring at approximate depths of 380 to 525 feet (116 to 160 m). Most of the remaining uranium mineralization at the Smith Ranch and Reynolds Ranch areas occurs in the O-Sand formation at depths of 700 to 900 feet (213 to 274 m).

Following uranium recovery in each mining unit, PRI would restore ground-water conditions in the wellfield. Restoration techniques would involve ground-water sweep, clean water injection, and geochemical stabilization of the aquifer with a reductant. The goal of groundwater restoration is to return the aquifer to the baseline conditions that existed prior to the start of uranium recovery; or, if approved, to a secondary standard of pre-mining "class of use."

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

PRI currently conducts commercial-scale ISL uranium mining at the SR-HUP permit area. PRI is proposing to expand its mining operations and to conduct ISL mining in the Reynolds Ranch amendment area. This would