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NRC RELEASES CLEANED-UP PENNSYLVANIA SITE FOR UNRESTRICTED USE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the request of Babcock and Wilcox Company, Pennsylvania Nuclear Operation (B&W), to terminate its license to possess radioactive material at a former nuclear service operations site in Parks Township, Penn., about 35 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, and released the site for unrestricted use.

“Radioactive material on this site has been cleaned up to meet our strict criteria, and the site is now safe for other uses,” said Daniel M. Gillen, Deputy Director for the Decommissioning Directorate, NRC Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection. “We have verified this through independent radiation surveys by the NRC and its contractor.”

B&W and its predecessors used radioactive material at a facility on the site from 1960 until 1996 for nuclear fuel fabrication, research and development and service work. Based on the remedial actions taken by the licensee, the staff’s review of the licensee’s termination surveys, and the results of the staff’s confirmatory surveys, the NRC concluded that the licensee has completed the decommissioning activities in accordance with its approved decommissioning plan, and the site is suitable for unrestricted release.

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