

drawings in NARA holdings in College Park, MD, and to distribute copies of the Memorandum of Agreement which must be completed for participation in the program. Under this privatization program, NARA has permitted vendors to set up work stations in its building located in College Park, MD, where the still photographs and cartographic and architectural records of three NARA archival units are housed and made available. The three NARA units refer customer requests for reproduction of these media to the vendors, who determine fees, collect payments, perform the copying work, and mail the reproductions to the customers. Based on a satisfactory review of the program's overall performance, NARA has decided to extend the program for another year, though with some modifications.

Effective March 6, 1998, the next anniversary date, NARA will open the program to interested vendors for a fourth year. All vendors interested in this program, including vendors already participating, are invited to attend a meeting on January 7, 1998, where copies of a Memorandum of Agreement specifying the terms of the program will be distributed. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for February 4, 1998, to answer any remaining questions from vendors. Attendance at the meetings does not require reservations. Attendance is encouraged, but not required, to participate in the program.

**DATES:** The initial meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 1998, at 10 a.m. Copies of the Memorandum of Agreement also will be available beginning January 7, 1998, by contacting William T. Murphy (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The follow-up meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, at 10 a.m.

Signed copies of the Memorandum of Agreement must be received by NARA by February 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the National Archives at College Park, in lecture room A, located at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William T. Murphy, Nontextual Archives Division, 301-713-7083; fax 301-713-6904.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

**Michael J. Kurtz,**

*Assistant Archivist for Records Services—Washington, DC.*

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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: State Agreements Program, as authorized by Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act.
  2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0029.
  3. How often the collection is required: One time or as needed.
  4. Who is required or asked to report? Thirty Agreement States who have signed Section 274(b) agreements with NRC.
  5. The number of annual respondents: 30.
  6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 570 (approximately six hours per response).
  7. Abstract: Agreement States are surveyed on a one-time or as-needed basis, e.g., to respond to a specific incident, to gather information on licensing and inspection practices and other technical and statistical information. The results of such information requests, which are authorized under Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, are utilized in part by NRC in preparing responses to Congressional inquiries. Agreement State comments are also solicited in the areas of proposed procedure and policy development.
- Submit, by February 9, 1998, 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, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. 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, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 40-8452]

### Bear Creek Uranium Company; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt of Application from Bear Creek Uranium Company to change two site-reclamation milestones in Condition 49 of Source Material License No. SUA-1310 for the Bear Creek, Wyoming Uranium Mill site.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated October 24, 1997, an application from Bear Creek Uranium Company (BCUC) to amend License Condition (LC) 49 of Source Material License No. SUA-1310 for the Bear Creek, Wyoming uranium mill site. By this amendment application, the licensee proposes to modify LC 49 to change the completion date for two site-reclamation milestones. The new dates proposed by BCUC would extend the completion of placement of the final radon barrier by one year and the completion of placement of the erosion protection cover by five months. BCUC is requesting these extensions because

of delays caused by inclement weather conditions during this year's construction season.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Charlotte E. Abrams, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-5808.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The portion of LC 49 with the proposed changes would read as follows:

A. (3) Placement of the final radon barrier designed and constructed to limit radon emissions to an average flux of no more than 20 pCi/m<sup>2</sup>/s above background:

For tailings pile surface areas not covered by evaporation ponds constructed as part of the groundwater corrective action program—December 31, 1998.

For the total tailings pile surface after evaporation pond removal—December 31, 1998.

B. Reclamation, to ensure required longevity of the covered tailings and groundwater protection, shall be completed as expeditiously as is reasonably achievable, in accordance with the following target dates for completion:

(1) Placement of erosion protection as part of reclamation to comply with Criterion 6 of Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 40—December 31, 1998.

BCUC's application to amend LC 49 of Source Material License SUA-1310, which describes the proposed changes to the license condition and the reasons for the request is being made available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing. In accordance with § 2.1205(c), a request for a hearing must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North,

11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

(1) The applicant, Bear Creek Uranium Company, P.O. Box 366, Casper, Wyoming 82602, Attention: Gary Chase; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

The request must also set forth the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes a hearing.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Joseph J. Holonich,**

*Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Number 40-0299]

**Umetco Minerals Corporation**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Amendment of Source Material License SUA-648 to change six reclamation milestone dates.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has amended Umetco Minerals Corporation's (Umetco's) Source Material License SUA-648 to change six reclamation milestone dates. This amendment was requested by Umetco in its letter dated October 6, 1997, and the receipt of the request by NRC was noticed in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 1997.

The license amendment modifies License Condition 59 to change completion dates for six site-reclamation milestones. The new dates approved by the NRC extend completion of placement of final radon barrier for the Inactive (enhanced barrier) and the A-9 impoundments by four years, and that for the Heap Leach impoundment by one year; and placement of erosion protection cover for the Inactive impoundment by five years, and for the A-9 and the Heap Leach impoundments by four years. Umetco attributes the delays to its efforts to enhance the previously approved designs of the Inactive and the A-9 impoundments, and in obtaining permits for a rock quarry that can produce sufficient volumes and quality of rock for erosion protection cover. Based on the review of Umetco's submittal, the NRC staff concludes that the delays are attributable to factors beyond Umetco's control, the proposed work is scheduled to be completed as expeditiously as practicable, and the added risk to the public health and safety is not significant, as it already meets the limit of radon emissions to an average flux of no more than 20 pCi/m<sup>2</sup>/s above background.

An environmental assessment is not required since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11), and an environmental report from the licensee is not required by 10 CFR 51.60(b)(2).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Umetco's amended license, and the NRC staff's technical evaluation of the amendment request are being made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW., (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mohammad W. Haque, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6640.