

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 29th day of April 2005.

Rebecca J. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

Affirmative Decisions on Petitions for Modification

Docket No.: M-2004-028-C.

FR Notice: 69 FR 43628.

Petitioner: Snyder Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1100-2(a)(2).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage equipped with three (3) ten quart pails are not practical. The petitioner will use two (2) portable fire extinguishers near the slope bottom and an additional portable fire extinguisher within 500 feet of the working face for equivalent fire protection for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2004-029-C.

FR Notice: 69 FR 43628.

Petitioner: Snyder Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1200(d),(h), and (i).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use cross-sections instead of contour lines through the intake slope, at locations of rock tunnel connections between veins, and at 1,000 foot intervals of advance from the intake slope; and to limit the required mapping of the mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the vein being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100-foot limit through rock tunnels. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2004-030-C.

FR Notice: 69 FR 43628.

Petitioner: Snyder Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months as required. Petitioner will continue to update maps daily by hand notations; and to conduct surveys prior to commencing retreat mining and whenever either a drilling program under 30 CFR 75.388 or plan for mining into inaccessible areas under 30 CFR 75.389 is required. This is considered an

acceptable alternative method for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the No. 1 Rock Slope Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2004-042-C.

FR Notice: 69 FR 61527.

Petitioner: Clintwood Elkhorn Mining Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 77.214(a).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to backfill a total of eight mine entries in the Blair #1 and Blair #2 mines with coarse coal refuse and scalp rock material generated from an adjacent underground mine. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Blair #1 Mine and Blair #2 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Blair #1 Mine and Blair #2 Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2004-047-C.

FR Notice: 69 FR 69414.

Petitioner: Arclar Company, LLC.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(6).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to operate its six-wheeled Getman RDG-1504S Diesel Road Grader, Serial No. 6760, powered by a Cat 3306PCNA 150 horsepower diesel engine used at the Willow Lake Portal Mine without front wheel brakes. The petitioner proposes to limit the speed of the diesel grader to 10 miles per hour and to train the grader operators in the proper techniques for lowering the blade to provide additional stopping capability in emergency situations. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Willow Lake Portal Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Willow Lake Portal Mine with conditions.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that two meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows:

Folk & Traditional Arts (Access to Artistic Excellence): June 9-10, 2005, Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on June 9, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 10, will be closed.

Music (Access to Artistic Excellence): June 13-14, 2005, Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 13th, and from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on June 14th, will be closed.

These meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: May 2, 2005.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; National Council on the Arts 155th Meeting

Pursuant to section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference on May 19, 2005 from 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. (ending time is approximate) from the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting will be open to the public on a call in basis. After introductory remarks by Chairman Gioia, there will be a discussion and voice vote on the NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships. There will be discussion of other business items as necessary, followed by concluding remarks by the Chairman.

If, in the course of the open session discussion, it becomes necessary for the Council to discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Council will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the

Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, submitted with grant applications, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any interested persons may call in and listen to the Council discussions and reviews that are open to the public. Please contact Ed Bishop at 202-682-5625 if you are interested in attending the teleconference. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TTY-TDD 202/682-5429, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from the Office of Communications, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, at 202/682-5570.

Dated: May 2, 2005.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of the Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name of Committee: Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering.

Nature/Purpose: The Advisory Committee will provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for research, education and related activities involving the U.S. science and engineering working within a global context as well as strategic efforts to promote a more effective NSF role in international science and engineering.

Responsible NSF Official: Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Acting Director, Office of International Science and Engineering

Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 935, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8710.

Dated: May 3, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-029]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Exemption of Material in Accordance With 10 CFR 20.2002 for Proposed Disposal Procedures for the Yankee Atomic Electric Company; License DPR-003, Rowe, MA

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Hickman, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7E18, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-3017; e-mail jbh@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is considering a request dated December 22, 2004, as supplemented on February 7, 2005, by the Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC or Licensee), to dispose of demolition debris from decommissioning of the Yankee Nuclear Power Station (YNPS) in Rowe, Massachusetts. The request for approval is submitted pursuant to section 20.2002 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 20.2002), "Method of Obtaining Approval of Proposed Disposal Procedures." The licensee's request states that the material is acceptable for burial at a subtitle C Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste disposal facility. The intended disposal location, Waste Control Specialists (WCS) located in Andrews, Texas has a RCRA permit issued by, and is regulated by, the State of Texas, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TECQ), and any disposal must comply with State requirements. This action, if approved,

would also exempt the slightly contaminated material from further Atomic Energy Act and NRC licensing requirements. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

II. Environmental Assessment

Background

YNPS is a deactivated pressurized-water nuclear reactor situated on a small portion of a 2,200-acre site. The site is located in northwestern Massachusetts in Franklin County, near the southern Vermont border. The plant and most of the 2,200-acre site are owned by the YAEC. A small portion on the west side of the site (along the east bank of the Sherman Reservoir) is owned by USGen New England, Inc. The YNPS plant was constructed between 1958 and 1960 and operated commercially at 185 megawatts electric (after a 1963 upgrade) until 1992. In 1992, YAEC determined that closing of the plant would be in the best economic interest of its customers. In December 1993, NRC amended the YNPS operating license to retain a "possession-only" status. YAEC began dismantling and decommissioning activities at that time. On November 24, 2003, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.82, YAEC submitted a License Termination Plan (LTP) for NRC approval. The LTP is still under review by the NRC.

The waste material (the demolition debris) intended for disposal includes structural steel, soils associated with foundation excavations and PCB remediation, and concrete and/or pavement or other similar solid materials. The waste material proposed for disposal at the WCS facility will originate from the demolition and removal of structures and paved surfaces at the YNPS plant site, after the structure/surface has been decontaminated to remove areas of contamination above the release limits.

The physical form of this demolition debris will be that of bulk material of various sizes ranging from the size of sand grains up to occasional monoliths with a volume of several cubic feet. YAEC, for the purpose of calculations, assumed the material to be a homogeneous mixture with a specific density of 1 gram per cubic centimeter during shipment and 1.5 grams per cubic centimeter after compaction in the disposal cell at WCS. The material will be dry solid waste containing no