

(1) Suspend the operating license of Maine Yankee pending resolution of the Petition; (2) examine and test by plug sampling—or other ASME approved method—all large piping welds that may have been susceptible to micro-fissures at the time of construction; (3) reanalyze Maine Yankee containment as one located in an area where seismic risk is not “low”; (4) reduce the licensed operating capacity of Maine Yankee to a level consistent with a flawed containment and/or flawed reactor coolant piping welds; (5) provide an informal public hearing in the area of the plant regarding the Petition; and (6) place Petitioner on service and mailing lists relevant to its interests in safety at Maine Yankee and all public forums opened by the NRC.

As the basis for these requests, the Petition states that: (1) The containment is inadequate for power operation in excess of the original license, and may be inadequate for the original power operation limits because of insupportable original design acceptance criteria, yet the NRC staff recommended to the Commission that it grant a license amendment permitting this design. It is further stated that the Maine Yankee containment was designed and constructed without diagonal reinforcement rods, based on low seismic risk. Additionally, after a 1979 earthquake of 4.2 magnitude and an epicenter less than 10 miles from the plant site, the NRC ordered the shutdown of Maine Yankee until piping and piping supports could be seismically qualified. There is no public record, however, that the NRC reevaluated this marginally acceptable containment design, including prior to granting license amendments to operate at increased power; and (2) the Maine Yankee emergency core cooling system (ECCS), reactor coolant piping, and other large piping have not been adequately analyzed for materials degradation to ensure integrity at power operation in excess of the originally licensed power level, or under accident conditions. The Atomic Energy Commission's concern with “micro-fissures” in reactor coolant system welds led to appointment of a task force, and prompted studies and reports in 1971 (prior to heightened awareness of embrittlement phenomena) that concluded that the microfissures would not propagate or grow under foreseeable conditions. The Petitioner asserts that large pipe welds next to the reactor vessel have endured 23 years of corrosion, stress, vibration, and radiation and may fail, initiating a loss-of-coolant accident, or may be subject to

thermal shock failure initiated by use of the ECCS.

The Petition has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206. As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on the Petition within a reasonable time. By letter dated May 13, 1996, the Director denied the Petitioner's request for suspension of Maine Yankee's operating license, pending resolution of the Petition.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20555-0001 and the local public document room in the Wiscasset Public Library, High Street, P.O. Box 367, Wiscasset, ME 04578.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 13th day of May 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
William T. Russell,  
*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*  
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### **Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision to a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.82, “Water Sources for Long-Term Recirculation Cooling Following a Loss-of-Coolant Accident,” has been revised to provide current guidance on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for meeting the Commission's requirements with respect to the sumps and suppression pools that perform the functions of water sources for emergency core cooling, containment heat removal, and containment atmosphere cleanup. This guide also updates the guidance on evaluating blockage by debris in the sumps and suppression pools of boiling water nuclear power reactors.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and

Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Single copies of regulatory guides may be obtained free of charge by writing the Office of Administration, Attention: Distribution and Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax at (301) 415-2260. Issued guides may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service on a standing order basis. Details on this service may be obtained by writing NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of May 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Themis P. Speis,  
*Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[File No. 1-8627]

#### **Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation, Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value)**

May 15, 1996.

Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation (“Company” or “SFPG”) has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security (“Security”) from listing and registration on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. (“CHX”).

The reasons alleged in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

According to the Company, the Security of SFPG is currently traded on the NYSE and the CHX. The Company incurs annual fees for each of the exchanges. Currently SFPG is paying an annual fee of \$2,500 to the CHX.

From time to time SFPG has issued additional shares of Security for use in connection with its employee benefit

plans and expects in the future to issue additional shares for the purpose of raising additional equity capital. For new shares issued, SFPG will incur additional costs for listing new shares on the CHX.

The majority of SFPG's stock is traded on the NYSE. Since the vast majority of SFPG stock is currently traded on NYSE, SFPG believes that it is not cost effective to maintain a listing on a regional exchange. The Company has therefore determined that a single listing, on the NYSE, will be sufficient to serve the needs of its stockholders.

Any interested person may, on or before June 6, 1996, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchanges and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,  
Secretary.

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### Sunshine Act Meeting; Agency Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of May 20, 1996.

A closed meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. An open meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. A closed meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 1996, following the 10:00 a.m. open meeting.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will extend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matter may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402 (a)(4), (8), (9)(i) and

(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Johnson, as duty officer, voted to consider the item listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., will be:

Institution of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., will be:

The Commission will hear oral argument on an appeal by Robert D. Potts from the decision of an administrative law judge. For further information, please contact Susan B. Mann at (202) 942-0902.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 1996, following the 10:00 a.m., open meeting, will be:

Post oral argument discussion.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: May 17, 1996.

Jonathan G. Katz,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Finance Docket No. 32942]

#### Coopersville & Marne Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Central Michigan Railway Company (19491)

Coopersville & Marne Railway Company of Coopersville, MI (CMR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate certain railroad lines of Central Michigan Railway Company (CMGN) from: (1) Milepost 1.16 at Marne, to milepost 8.5 at Coopersville, a distance of 7.34 miles; and (2) milepost 1.16, (old 166.44) at Marne, to milepost 159.5 at Walker, a

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.

distance of 6.94 miles, for a total distance of 14.28 miles, in Kent and Ottawa Counties, MI.

Consummation of the transaction was to be on or after May 8, 1996.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32942, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

Decided: May 14, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects in the exhibit "Masterpieces from the Palazzo Doria Pamphilj, Rome" (See list<sup>1</sup>) imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., from on or about June 16, 1996, through on or about September 2, 1996, following a showing at the National Gallery, London, England, is in the national

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6982; the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301-4th Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20547.