

methane monitors on its permissible DC powered scoop haulage machines. The petitioner states that this petition is based on the safety of the miners involved and not primarily on economic standpoints.

23. Cyprus Emerald Resources Corporation

[Docket No. M-96-69-C]

Cyprus Emerald Resources Corporation, 145 Elm Drive, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania 15370 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.507 (power connection points) to its Emerald No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 36-05466) located in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use a non-permissible pump in the longwall bleeder sump located near the No. 3 Bleeder shaft, No. 6 Return shaft, and all future and/or bleeder shafts as they are developed. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

24. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-70-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.804(a)(underground high-voltage cables) to its Loveridge No. 22 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01433) located in Marion County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a high-voltage cable with an internal ground check conductor smaller than No. 10 (A.W.G.) as a part of its longwall mining system. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

25. Genwal Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-71-C]

Genwal Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 1420, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Crandall Canyon Mine (I.D. No. 42-01715) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to use belt air in a two-entry mining system. The petitioner proposes to install low-level carbon monoxide sensors as an early warning fire detection system in the intake escapeway entry and the belt entry. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed

alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

26. North American Salt Company

[Docket No. M-96-01-M]

North American Salt Company, P.O. Box 10, Lydia, Louisiana 70569 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22215(b)(1) to its Cote Blanche Underground Salt Mine (I.D. No. 16-00358) located in St. Mary County, Louisiana. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the use of flexible ventilation tubing in lengths greater than 250 feet. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before August 26, 1996. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 070-3073]

Kerr-McGee Corp.; Applications, Hearings, Determinations, Etc.

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request and opportunity for hearing related to materials license No. SNM-1999 for the Kerr-McGee Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of an amendment to Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-1999 issued to the Kerr-McGee Corporation for the possession of special nuclear material at its facility at Cushing, Oklahoma in

response to three requests from the licensee.

In accordance with License Condition 11.D the licensee requested an amendment to its license by letter dated June 3, 1993. The amendment would revise the license to define "the proposed boundaries of all radioactive materials areas designated in accordance with 10 CFR 20.203(e)(2) [now 10 CFR 20.1902(e)], restricted areas as defined in 10 CFR 20.3 [now 10 CFR 20.1003], and areas outside of the restricted areas, where licensed materials exist which must be secured from unauthorized removal per 10 CFR 20.207 [now 10 CFR 20.1801]."

The licensee requested a second amendment in a letter dated May 10, 1995. The amendment would authorize the licensee to possess calibration and reference radioactive sources containing U-235, not to exceed 0.1 microCurie per source.

The licensee is performing decommissioning activities at the Cushing, Oklahoma site under NRC license SNM-1999. License SNM-1999 provides for possession of natural and enriched uranium and thorium in the form of "Contaminated soil, sludge, sediment, trash, building rubble, structures, and any other contaminated material." The licensee utilizes those same radionuclides, as well as others not specified in the license, to calibrate equipment and as check sources for instruments. Except for U-235, all sources are either exempt quantities or are addressed by a general license, e.g., Pu-239 and Am-241. However, there is no exempt quantity or general license for U-235.

The licensee requested the third amendment in a letter dated October 20, 1995. The licensee submitted supplemental information via letters dated February 15, and January 15, 1996. The amendment would: (1) Incorporate a revised organizational chart into the license; (2) correct the license to reflect the licensee's new contact person; (3) change approval authority from a corporate officer to the Radiation Safety Officer for all radiation protection program procedures; (4) remove the requirements to provide bi-monthly urinalysis and biennial in-vivo lung counts and base these submittal on worker exposures; (5) replace the requirement to provide lapel air samplers to 50 percent of all workers working in radioactive materials areas with a performance based requirement for issuance of lapel air samplers; (6) remove specified length of training from training program requirements; (7) change the requirement to process workers film badges from monthly to

quarterly; and (8) change the monitoring equipment calibration laboratory from Cimarron site laboratory to Cushing site laboratory.

Prior to the issuance of the proposed amendments, the NRC will have made findings, required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment. The NRC hereby provides notice that these actions are a proceeding on an application for license amendments falling within the scope of Subpart L, Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings, of the NRC's rules of practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. 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 thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Services Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or

2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 Attention: Docketing and Services Branch.

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

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, Kerr-McGee Corporation, Attention: Mr. Jeff J. Lux, Project Manager, P.O. Box 25861, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125; 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 20555-0001.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's requests for license amendment dated June 3, 1993, May 10, 1995, and October 20, 1995, and supplementary information, which is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this day of July, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Michael F. Weber,
Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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[Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306]

**Northern States Power Company;
Notice of Withdrawal of Application for
Amendment to Facility Operating
License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northern States Power Company (the licensee) to withdraw a portion of its January 9, 1995, application, as supplemented February 7, March 15, March 22, April 3, and April 20, 1995, for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants, Units 1 and 2, located in Red Wing, Minnesota.

The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specifications to allow the use of an alternate steam generator tube plugging criteria for tubes with degradation in tubesheet roll expansion region. The licensee requested the use of both F* and L* acceptance criteria. The Commission granted the licensee's request for use of the F* acceptance criteria in amendments 118 and 111 issued May 15, 1995. The licensee submitted an application for withdrawal of the L* portion in a letter dated May 3, 1996.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the Federal Register on March 15, 1995 (60 FR 14023). However, by letter dated May 3, 1996, the licensee withdrew the L* portion of the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated January 9, 1995, and supplemented February 7, March 15, March 22, April 3, and April 20, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated May 3, 1996, which withdrew the application for license amendments. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of July 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Beth A. Wetzel,
Project Manager, Project Directorate III-1, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 40-08948]

**Notice of Availability of "Draft
Environmental Impact Statement—
Decommissioning of the Shieldalloy
Metallurgical Corporation, Cambridge
Ohio, Facility"**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding the proposed decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC), Cambridge, Ohio, facility. This DEIS describes and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of SMC's proposed approach to decommissioning two radiologically contaminated waste piles by capping and stabilizing the piles in place and implementing appropriate land-use restrictions. Based on the evaluations in this DEIS, the NRC staff's preliminary conclusion is that SMC's proposal, with certain mitigative measures, is acceptable with respect to environmental costs and benefits, and there is no obviously superior alternative. The DEIS is a preliminary analysis of the environmental impacts of SMC's proposed approach. The issuance of a final EIS, and any NRC decisionmaking based on a final EIS, will not be made until public comments on the DEIS are received and evaluated.

DATES: NRC will conduct a public meeting to discuss the DEIS and obtain public comment this Fall, in the Cambridge, Ohio area. A meeting