

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on this 3rd day of June 1997.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Cooperative Agreement for the Development of a "Cultural Star Cities" Program

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notification of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts will request proposals leading to the award of a Cooperative Agreement for the development of a business plan to create a "Cultural Star Cities Program" (working title only) in the United States, similar to the European City of Culture Program, and a Strategy for Implementation. The plan would include administration, costs, and incentives. The work will include: researching the effectiveness and value of the European Cultural Capital Program; researching comparable award programs both in the United States and elsewhere; identifying potential partners; and, preparing a plan to implement the program in the United States. Those interested in receiving the Solicitation should reference Program Solicitation PS 97-02 in their written request and include two (2) self-addressed labels. Verbal requests for the Solicitation will not be honored.

DATES: Program Solicitation PS 97-02 is scheduled for release approximately June 30, 1997 with proposals due on August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the Solicitation should be addressed to National Endowment for the Arts, Grants & Contracts Office, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William I. Hummel, Grants and Contracts Office, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506 (202/682-5482).

William I. Hummel,

Coordinator, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Meeting

AGENCY: National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

Time and Date: Friday, June 20, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: The meeting site will be in room 3208, ast Promenade, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and from 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed from 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. for purposes of personnel discussion.

Notice: At its inaugural public meeting, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission established under Public Law 104-169, dated August 3, 1996, will consider general administrative matters and substantive agenda items, including a report on previous gambling studies, legislative intent and the Commission workplan.

Contact Persons: For further information, contact Kay C. James, Chair at (757) 579-4682 or write to 1000 Regent University Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Please note: The address and telephone number listed for the Commission are temporary. Information concerning the new address and telephone number will be available at the meeting.

Kay C. James,
Chair.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8905-MLA; ASLBP No. 97-728-04-MLA]

Quivira Mining Company; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

Quivira Mining Company

(License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by Envirocare of Utah, Inc. on the amendment to the Source Material License SUA-1473 of Quivira Mining Company. The license amendment would allow Quivira Mining to accept 11e.(2) material for disposal at its Ambrosia Lake uranium mill and tailings site located near Grants, New Mexico.

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.722, Administrative Judge Peter S. Lam has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bechhoefer and Judge Lam in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555
Dr. Peter S. Lam, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of June 1997.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

In the Matter of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation; (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station)

Exemption

The Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28, which authorizes operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (the facility) at power levels no greater than 1593 megawatts thermal. The facility is a single-unit boiling-water

reactor located at the licensee's site in Windham County, Vermont.

The License provides, among other things, that the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

II.

On November 19, 1980, the Commission published a revised Section 10 CFR 50.48 and a new Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 regarding fire protection features of nuclear power plants. The revised Section 50.48 and Appendix R became effective on February 17, 1981. Section III of Appendix R contains 15 subsections, lettered A through O, each of which specifies requirements for a particular aspect of the fire protection features at a nuclear power plant. Subsection III.G is the subject of the licensee's exemption request. Paragraph III.G.2.c of Section III.G, "Fire Protection of Safe Shutdown Capability," of Appendix R to 10 CFR part 50, requires the following:

Enclosure of cable and equipment and associated non-safety circuits of one redundant train in a fire barrier having a 1-hour fire rating. In addition, fire detectors and an automatic fire suppression system shall be installed in the fire area.

The licensee requested an exemption from these requirements to allow the use of fire-resistant cables in the cable vault instead of enclosing the cables in fire barriers having a 1-hour fire resistance rating. An exemption is needed because the Firezone R cables do not meet the literal requirements of the regulation. Installation of fire detectors and an automatic fire suppression system is not part of this exemption.

III.

By letter dated May 28, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated July 26 and November 15, 1996, the licensee requested an exemption from Section III.G of Appendix R. In particular, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2.c to allow the use of fire-resistant cables instead of enclosing the cables in fire barriers having a 1-hour fire resistance rating. The licensee proposed to use Rockbestos Firezone R Appendix R fireproof cable to control equipment that is necessary to ensure cooling of the corner room of the Reactor Building in the event of a fire in the cable vault. The cables of concern consist of four stainless steel sheathed cables. The Rockbestos Firezone R Appendix R fireproof cable has been tested by

Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Inc., in order to provide data on the electrical characteristics of the fire resistant cable under controlled fire exposure conditions and during an extended cool down period. The staff concluded that the cables as they were installed were bounded by the UL fire test, used to justify the 1-hour rating of the cables. Based on the automatic detection and suppression systems provided for the area, and fire brigade response for manual fire fighting activities, there is reasonable assurance that postulated fires in the Cable Vault would be detected, controlled, and extinguished prior to temperatures rising to a level that could challenge structural support capabilities of the fire resistant cables, cable tray network, and overhead conduit. Following from the discussion above, and on the bases of the same cable construction for the tested and installed cables, the test results for the Firezone R cable as contained in the UL report, and the installed and tested configurations for the cables, the staff concludes that the installed Firezone R cables provide an equivalent electrical functionality as would be provided by enclosing cables in a 1-hour fire rated barrier in the licensee's specific application. On the basis of the staff's review of the information provided by the licensee, the staff has concluded that the Firezone R cables proposed by the licensee will remain functional during postulated fires at Vermont Yankee and, therefore, postulated fires would not prevent plant operators from achieving and maintaining safe shutdown. The staff concluded, therefore, that the use of the Firezone R cables at Vermont Yankee in lieu of a 1-hour fire-rated barrier satisfies the underlying purpose of Section III.G.2.c of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50. Therefore, the licensee's request for exemption from Section III.G.2.c of Appendix R to 10 CFR part 50 should be granted.

IV.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2), the Commission will not consider granting an exemption except under special circumstances. Under subsection (a)(2)(ii), special circumstances are present whenever application of the subject regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

The underlying purpose of Section III.G of Appendix R is to establish fire protection features such that the plant will maintain the ability to perform safe shutdown functions in the event of a fire. The staff has reviewed the

proposed alternative and has concluded, as previously described, that use of Firezone R cables in lieu of a 1-hour fire-rated barrier ensures that one train of systems that is necessary to achieve and maintain hot shutdown is free of fire damage. Therefore, the staff concludes that special circumstances exist for the licensee's requested exemption in that imposition of the literal requirements of the regulation in these particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of Appendix R to 10 CFR part 50.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), special circumstances exist in that use of Firezone R cables in lieu of a 1-hour fire-rated barrier in the cable vault satisfies the underlying purpose of Appendix R to 10 CFR part 50. Further, the staff has concluded that the requested exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the exemption request from the requirements of Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 described in Section III above.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the issuance of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (62 FR 30357).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere), but are collected