

State University and Opportunity for Hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering a license renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-1373, issued to Idaho State University (ISU). Renewal will allow ISU to continue to receive and use uranium-235 in the form of fuel plates and foils. Work performed under this license includes the study of subcritical assembly and nondestructive assay. The work is conducted for education and research to strengthen the existing undergraduate and graduate programs in the area of nuclear science and engineering.

Prior to approving the renewal application, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report. The licensing of the ISU activities is for research and education purposes, therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR Section 51.22(c)(14)(v), neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted for this action. The renewal of the license will be documented in the issuance of a renewed SNM-1373 license.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for renewal of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedure for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing processing in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to Section 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with Section 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of the **Federal Register** notice.

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

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch 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. 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 Section 2.1205(h).

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 Section 2.1205(d).

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

1. The applicant, Idaho State University, College Of Engineering, ISU Box 8060, Pocatello, Idaho, 83209; Attention: Dr. John S. Bennion, Reactor Administrator; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivering 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.

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the NRC's Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L.

For further details with respect to this action, the license renewal application dated September 30, 1997, is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, DC 20555. Questions should be referred to NRC's project manager for the Idaho State University, Edwin Flack, at (301) 415-8115.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael F. Weber,

Chief, Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-17711-EA; ASLBP No. 98-739-02-EA]

NDT Services, Inc.; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721, and 2.772(j) of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being

established to preside over the following proceeding.

NDT Services, Inc.

Order Suspending License (Effective Immediately)

[EA 98-108]

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 202, this Board is established as a result of an April 14, 1998, request by the petitioner, NDT Services, Inc. of Caguas Puerto Rico, for a hearing on a March 27, 1998, NRC Order. That Order, inter alia, suspended, effective immediately, NDT's authority to perform radiographic operations under License No. 52-19438-01.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges: Peter B. Bloch, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. Jerry R. Kline, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

All correspondence, documents and other materials in this proceeding shall be filed with the Judges in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 2.701.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of April 1998.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

[Docket No. 50-423-LA; ASLBP No. 98-740-02-LA]

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721 of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3

This Board is being established pursuant to a petition to intervene

submitted by the Citizens Regulatory Commission. The petition to intervene was filed in response to a notice of a proposed determination by the NRC staff that the issuance of a license amendment to the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 would involve no significant hazards considerations. The amendment would eliminate the requirement to have the recirculation spray system directly inject into the reactor coolant system following a design basis accident. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 Fed. Reg. 14482, 14487 (March 25, 1998).

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with the Judges in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 2.701.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of April 1998.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-423]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

By letter dated October 15, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated December 17, 1997, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) proposed to amend the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, Operating License No. NPF-49. The proposed amendment would have revised Technical Specification 3/4.4.3, "Pressurizer," to replace the pressurizer maximum water inventory requirement with a pressurizer maximum indicated level requirement. The proposed amendment would have also made editorial changes and modifications to the associated Bases section.

Subsequently, by letter dated April 7, 1998, NNECO superseded its original amendment request with a new request. Therefore, the Commission has approved the withdrawal of NNECO's October 15, 1997, application, as supplemented December 17, 1997, for proposed amendment.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 1997 (62 FR 63979).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 15, 1997, as supplemented December 17, 1997, and NNECO's letter dated April 7, 1998, which superseded the application for license amendment. 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 Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and at the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James W. Andersen,

Project Manager, Special Projects Office—Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 70-7001, and 70-7002]

United States Enrichment Corporation, Paducah and Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plants, Notice of Receipt of Application for Certification Renewal For the Gaseous Diffusion Plants and Notice of Public Comment Period

I. Receipt of Application and Availability of Documents

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has received by letters dated April 15, 1998, applications from the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) for the renewal of the certification of the gaseous diffusion plants (GDPs) located near Paducah, Kentucky and Piketon, Ohio. The NRC issued the initial certification for the GDPs on November 26, 1996 and assumed regulatory

oversight for the GDPs on March 3, 1997. The USEC renewal requests are for a five-year period. The USEC applications for renewal do not contain any changes to the existing documentation; previous applications, statements, and reports are incorporated by reference into the renewal application. The USEC application for the renewal of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant is based on USEC's previous Application, as revised through Revision 24 dated April 15, 1998, and USEC's previous Compliance Plan, as revised through Revision 7 dated March 20, 1998. No additional changes to the application or Compliance Plan are being requested. The USEC application for the renewal of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant is based on USEC's previous application, as revised through Revision 19 dated April 15, 1998, and USEC's previous Compliance Plan, as revised through Revision 6 dated March 12, 1998. No additional changes to the Application or Compliance Plan are being requested.

Copies of the renewal application for certification (except for classified and proprietary portions which are withheld in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, "Availability of Public Records") are available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR) in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555 and in the Local Public Document Rooms (LPDRs) established for these facilities. A copy of the application for the Paducah plant is available at the Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003. A copy of the application for the Portsmouth plant is available at the Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. Copies of related correspondence and staff evaluations (except for portions withheld in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790) will also be made available at these public document rooms.

II. Notice of Comment Period

Any interested party may submit written comments on the renewal application for certification for either the Paducah plant or the Portsmouth plant for consideration by the staff. To be certain of consideration, comments must be received by June 19, 1998.

Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the application should be mailed to the Chief, Rules Review and