

Dated: May 2, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

*Date & Time:* May 22, 2000; 2 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; May 23, 2000; 9 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; May 24, 2000; 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 350, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Anne-Marie Schmoltner, Program Director, Atmospheric Chemistry Program, Room 775, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1522

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Aerosol Characterization Experiments (ACE)-Asia proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Polar Program; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Office of Polar Programs' Advisory Committee Meeting (1130).

*Date and Time:* May 22, 2000 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 23, 2000 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Brenda Williams, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1030.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs, and activities on the polar research community; to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long range planning, and to form *ad hoc* subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

*Agenda:* Discussion of NSF-wide initiatives, long-range planning, and GPRA.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681]

### International Uranium (USA) Corporation

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of request from International Uranium Corporation to amend Source Material License SUA-1358 to receive and process alternate feed materials; Notice of opportunity for hearing

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received, by letter dated March 16, 2000, a request from International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUC) to amend its NRC Source Material License SUA-1358, to allow their White Mesa Uranium Mill near Blanding, Utah, to receive and process up to 100,000 cubic yards of alternate feed material from the Linde Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) site in Tonawanda, New York.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William von Till, Uranium Recovery and Low-Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7-J8, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6251.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By its submittal dated March 16, 2000, IUC requested that the NRC amend Materials License SUA-1358 to allow the receipt and processing of material other than natural uranium ore (i.e., alternate feed material) at its White Mesa uranium mill located near Blanding, Utah. These

materials would be used as an "alternate feed material" (i.e., matter that is processed in the mill to remove the uranium but which is different from natural uranium ores, the normal feed material). These sites currently are being remediated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under FUSRAP. (See the USACE web site at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/linde/index.htm> for locations, documents, and photographs of the sites).

IUC proposes to receive contaminated materials from the Linde site for processing at its uranium mill. The material consists primarily of moist soils containing byproducts from uranium processing operations (i.e., "tailings"), mixed with other site soils. Uranium, thorium, and radium are its primary radiological constituents. Based on USACE documents, IUC estimates the amount of material for this amendment request to be 70,000 to 100,000 yd<sup>3</sup>. Actual amounts removed would be determined based on sampling at the time of excavation. The total amount could also be less than this range because the USACE has selected other contractors to dispose of this material. This application will be reviewed using our formal guidance, "Final Position and Guidance on the Use of Uranium Mill Feed Material Other Than Natural Ores" and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Memorandum and Order, *International Uranium (USA) Corp.*, CLI-00-01, (February 10, 2000). The NRC has approved similar amendment requests in the past for separate alternate feed material.

The Linde property is one of four properties that comprise the Tonawanda site. The NRC has already granted license amendments to IUC to process material from two of the other properties within the Tonawanda site, Ashland 1 and Ashland 2, which contained uranium byproduct material originally generated at the Linde property. The primary radioactive contaminants in the soils are Uranium-238 (U-238), Radium-226 (Ra-226), Thorium-230 (Th-230), and their respective decay products. IUC, based on a review of material, states that the weighted average grade of uranium for the Linde site is estimated to be 0.07 percent, with hot spots up to 0.3 percent.

The amendment application is available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW, Washington DC 20555.

### Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." 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(d), a request for hearing must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

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

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

(1) The applicant, International Uranium (USA) Corporation, Independence Plaza, Suite 950, 1050 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80265; Attention: Michelle Rehmann; 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.

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 requestor in the proceeding;

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

(3) The requestor'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(d).

The request must also set forth the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes a hearing.

In addition, members of the public may provide comments on the subject

application within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The comments may be provided to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Thomas H. Essig,**

*Chief, Uranium Recovery and Low-Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket No. 40-8681]**

#### International Uranium (USA) Corporation; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt of Request from International Uranium Corporation to Amend Source Material License SUA-1358 to Receive and Process Alternate Feed Materials, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received, by letter dated April 12, 2000, a request from International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUC) to amend its NRC Source Material License SUA-1358, to allow their White Mesa Uranium Mill near Blanding, Utah, to receive and process up to 140,000 cubic yards of alternate feed material from the W.R. Grace Site located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The W.R. Grace material is being remediated under the authority of the State of Tennessee and is licensed by the Division of Radiological Health under Source Material License S-3306-E9.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William von Till, Uranium Recovery and Low-Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7-J8, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6251.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By its submittal dated April 12, 2000, IUC requested that the NRC amend Materials License SUA-1358 to allow the receipt and processing of material other than

natural uranium ore (*i.e.*, alternate feed material) at its White Mesa uranium mill located near Blanding, Utah. These materials would be used as an "alternate feed material" (*i.e.*, matter that is processed in the mill to remove the uranium but which is different from natural uranium ores, the normal feed material).

IUC proposes to receive contaminated materials from the W.R. Grace Site for processing at its uranium mill. This material consists primarily of moist soils containing byproducts (*i.e.* "tailings") as a result of thorium and rare earth mineral extraction. The W.R. Grace Site is being remediated under the regulatory authority of the State of Tennessee and the material is licensed by Tennessee as source material under Source Material License S-3306-E9. IUC estimates the amount of material for this amendment request to be up to 140,000 yd.<sup>3</sup> The primary radioactive contaminants in the soils are Uranium-238 (U-238), Radium-226 (Ra-226), Radium-228 (Ra-228), Thorium-230 (Th-230), Thorium 232 (Th-232), Potassium-40 (K-40) and their respective decay products. IUC, based on a review of material, states that the weighted average grade of uranium for the W.R. Grace Site is estimated to range from 0.5 to approximately 1.1 weight percent, or greater, with an overall average grade of 0.74 percent uranium (0.87 percent U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>). IUC estimates the amount of material for this amendment request to be 93,000 to 140,000 yds.<sup>3</sup> Actual amounts removed would be determined based on sampling at the time of excavation. W.R. Grace and IUC have determined that no listed hazardous wastes enumerated in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40 part 261, Subpart D, as amended by the U.S. **Federal Register** August 6, 1998, are contained within this material.

The material will be shipped by rail in intermodal containers and then transferred to truck for the part of the trip to the mill. Material would be loaded onto railcars and transported cross-country to the final rail destination, where they will be transferred to truck for the final leg of the trip to the mill (expected to be either near Grand Junction, Colorado; Cisco, Utah; Green River, Utah; or East Carbon, Utah). The material will be shipped as radioactive low specific activity (LSA) Hazard Class 7 Hazardous Material as defined by Department of Transportation regulations.

This application will be reviewed using NRC formal guidance, "Final Position and Guidance on the Use of Uranium Mill Feed Material Other Than Natural Ores" and the guidance