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Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of May, 2002.

Ivan L. Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 02-063]

U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission.

DATES: Wednesday, June 19, 2002, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Aviation Administration, 3rd Floor Auditorium, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Attendees must check in at the Security Desk to be cleared to the 3rd floor auditorium.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Beverly Farmarco, Code I-2, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-1903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Opening Comments
- Centennial Partner Applications
- Centennial of Flight Kick-Off Plans
- Centennial Updates
- First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board
- Carter Ryley Thomas Update
- Closing Comments
- Adjourn

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: May 16, 2002.

Sylvia K. Kraemer,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-35870; License No. 29-28358-02; EA-02-103]

In the Matter of United Evaluations Services, Inc. (Formerly Accurate Technologies, Inc.), Beachwood, NJ 08722; Order Suspending License (Effective Immediately) and Demand for Information

I

United Evaluations Services, Inc., formerly Accurate Technologies Incorporated (Licensee) is the holder of byproduct nuclear material license No. 29-28358-02, issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR parts 30 and 34. Accurate Technologies Incorporated was the holder of Byproduct Nuclear Material License No. 29-28358-01, also issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR parts 30 and 34.

License No. 29-28358-01 was originally issued by the NRC on June 16, 1989, and authorized possession and use of certain byproduct material for industrial radiography at temporary job sites of the Licensee anywhere in the United States where the NRC maintains jurisdiction for regulating the use of licensed material. The license was revoked by the NRC on December 12, 2000, for nonpayment of fees, although the Licensee has represented that it never received the Order revoking the license. The Licensee subsequently paid the required fees from the previous year over the period April–August 2001.

The Licensee submitted a new application, with required fees, on November 6, 2001. The new license (No. 29-28358-02) was subsequently issued on November 16, 2001, and is due to expire on November 30, 2011. License No. 29-28358-02 initially authorized possession and use of certain byproduct material for industrial radiography at temporary job sites. Amendment No. 1 to License No. 29-28358-02, issued on December 20, 2001, changed the name of the Licensee from Accurate Technologies Incorporated to United Evaluations Services Inc.

II

On September 25, 2001, an event occurred at the McShane facility in Baltimore, Maryland, involving a radiation injury to one of the Licensee's radiographers. This event was discussed with the Licensee on October 4, 2001. During the discussions, the NRC learned that the radiographer received a very

significant radiation exposure to his hands in excess of regulatory limits (at a minimum, approximately 250–300 rem) while performing radiography at that facility. Since the facility was located in Maryland, an NRC Agreement State, the activities related to that exposure were within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland.

In its discussions with the NRC, the Licensee indicated that the injury occurred when the radiographer, who completed one radiographic exposure of equipment at the facility and was in the process of preparing for another exposure, handled the device's guide tube with the radioactive source located therein. The source remained in the guide tube after failing to fully retract to the shielded position following the first radiographic exposure. The exposure occurred because the radiographer approached the device without a survey meter and without wearing an alarming ratemeter, either of which would have alerted him that the source was not in a shielded position. Although this event occurred while the radiographer was performing activities in an NRC Agreement State, the same equipment is possessed and used pursuant to an NRC license. As a result, the NRC initiated an investigation and inspection into this matter.

Based on the NRC investigation and inspection, which are still ongoing, the NRC has determined that:

1. The radiographer who was exposed in Maryland had not received the annual refresher training as required by 10 CFR 34.43(d), and had not taken an annual refresher training exam. Instead, an assistant radiographer completed the annual refresher exam for that radiographer. In addition, the President/Radiation Safety Officer certified the training record, which was inaccurate, and provided the certified record to the NRC, in violation of 10 CFR 34.79(b) and 30.9. The date listed on the certified record was approximately three weeks before the occurrence of the significant hand exposure that occurred in Maryland. These violations are particularly egregious and may provide, in part, a causal link to the significant exposure that occurred in Maryland on September 25, 2001;

2. The former Operations Manager knowingly transported and used a radiographic device in New Jersey without the required end cap (which ensures proper positioning and shielding of the source in the camera), in violation of 10 CFR 34.31. Records indicate that this occurred in September 2001.

3. The President/Radiation Safety Officer, in a written response to an NRC

October 4, 2001 Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL), and during the inspection, deliberately provided inaccurate information to the NRC, regarding the status and use of equipment at the facility, in violation of 10 CFR 30.9. Specifically, Item 3 of the CAL documented the Licensee's commitment to inspect all radiographic exposure devices and associated equipment to verify they were in good working order. In an October 9, 2001 supplemental response to the CAL, sent to the NRC by facsimile, the Licensee included a document signed by the President/RSO which stated that the locking mechanisms were checked for proper operation and all locks were in proper working condition, and all end caps were checked and cleaned. This statement was deliberately inaccurate in that on October 10, 2001, during an NRC inspection, as well as during the subsequent investigation, the NRC learned that one of the radiographic devices did not have the end cap in place, and it had not been in place since at least September 25, 2001, and consequently the locking mechanism was inoperable. The Licensee was aware that the device did not have the end cap in place prior to its October 9, 2001 supplemental response.

During the October 10, 2001 inspection, the inspector was informed by the President/Radiation Safety Officer, that an end cap for one of the radiographic devices had been missing for three weeks, but that the device had not been used during that time. This statement was also deliberately inaccurate in that radiation reports and testimony show that the device with the missing end cap had been used on more than one occasion during that three week period, including use by the President/Radiation Safety Officer on October 2, 2001.

4. With the acquiescence of Licensee management, an assistant radiographer performed the duties of a radiographer, knowing that he was not certified to do so, as required by 10 CFR 34.43(a)(1).

III

The NRC must be able to rely on the Licensee and its employees to comply with NRC requirements and to ensure that radiographers do not perform licensed activities unless they have completed all required training and that radiographic equipment not be used if it is found to be defective. The NRC must also be able to rely upon information provided by the Licensee to be complete and accurate in all material respects. In this regard, it appears that the Licensee has deliberately failed to comply with NRC requirements, as indicated herein,

and has deliberately provided inaccurate information to the NRC. These actions by the Licensee have raised serious doubt as to whether the Licensee can be relied upon in the future to comply with NRC requirements.

Consequently, given these findings, and the significant impacts that can result from violations of radiography requirements, as evidence by the significant exposure that occurred in Maryland on September 25, 2001, I lack the requisite reasonable assurance that the Licensee's current operations can be conducted under License No. 29-28358-02 in compliance with the Commission's requirements, and that the health and safety of the public, including the Licensee's employees, will be protected. Therefore, the health, safety and interest of the public require that License No. 29-28358-02 be suspended. Furthermore, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, I find that, given the safety significance of conducting radiography by personnel who have not completed all required training and certification, the public health, safety, and interest require that this Order be immediately effective.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 81, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182, and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202 and 10 CFR parts 30 and 34, *it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that license No. 29-28358-02 is suspended as follows, pending further Order.*

A. All NRC-licensed material in the Licensee's possession shall be placed in secured storage.

B. All activities under License No. 29-28358-02 to use licensed material shall be suspended. All other requirements of the license remain in effect.

C. No material authorized by the license shall be ordered, purchased, received, or transferred by the Licensee while this Order is in effect.

D. All records related to licensed activities and materials shall be maintained in their original form and must not be removed or altered in any way.

The Director of the Office of Enforcement, the Director of the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, or the Regional Administrator, Region I, may, in writing, relax or rescind this order upon demonstration by the Licensee of good cause.

V

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, the Licensee must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 20 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for an extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically admit or deny each allegation or charge made in this order and set forth the matters of fact and law on which the Licensee or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued.

Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Chief, Docketing and Services Section, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of the hearing request also should be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406, and to the Licensee if the hearing request is by a person other than the Licensee. If a person other than the Licensee requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which the individual's interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is requested by the Licensee or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(i), the Licensee, may, in addition to requesting a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or a written approval of an

extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. *An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this order.*

VI

In addition to issuance of this Order suspending License No. 29-28358-02, the Commission requires further information from the Licensee in order to determine whether the Commission can have reasonable assurance that in the future the Licensee will conduct its activities in accordance with the Commission's requirements.

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 161c, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.204 and 10 CFR parts 30 and 34, in order for the Commission to determine whether your license should be further modified or revoked, or other enforcement action taken, the Licensee is required to submit to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, within 20 days of the date of this Order and Demand for Information, in writing and under oath or affirmation:

1. An explanation as to why, in light of the findings set forth in Section II of this Order and Demand for Information, that License No. 29-28358-02 should not be revoked.

2. If the Licensee believes that the license should not be revoked, the Licensee, in its response, should address at a minimum, why the NRC should have reasonable assurance that the Licensee, in the future, will ensure appropriate management and oversight of licensed activities (this shall include a description of who will be responsible for assuring such activities are conducted in accordance with 10 CFR parts 30 and 34 requirements).

Copies also shall be sent to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, and to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406.

After reviewing your response, the NRC will determine whether further action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Dated this 14th day of May 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin Virgilio,

Acting Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research and State Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-325 AND 50-324]

Carolina Power & Light Company, Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to a Proposed License Amendment To Increase the Maximum Rated Thermal Power Level

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62, issued to Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L), for operation of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 (BSEP), located in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow CP&L, the operator of BSEP, to increase the maximum thermal power level by approximately 15 percent, from 2558 Megawatts-thermal (MWt) to 2923 MWt. The change is considered an extended power uprate (EPU) because it would raise the reactor core power level more than 7 percent above the original licensed maximum power level. The original licensed maximum power level was 2436 MWt, and the NRC staff approved an increase in the licensed maximum power level to 2558 MWt (approximately 5 percent increase) on November 1, 1996. This increase in power was implemented at BSEP in 1997. Therefore, this proposed action would result in an increase of approximately 20 percent over the original licensed maximum power level. The amendment would allow the heat output of the reactor to increase, which would increase the flow of steam to the turbine. This would allow the turbine generator to increase the production of power and increase the amount of heat dissipated by the condenser. Moreover, this would result in an increased temperature in the water being released into the Atlantic Ocean.

The NRC previously published a draft environmental assessment of the proposed action in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 16132, April 4, 2002) and offered

an opportunity for public comment. No comments were received.

Need for the Proposed Action

CP&L forecasts a 40-percent increase in the demand for electrical power by 2015 in its service area in North Carolina and South Carolina. CP&L can meet this projected increase in power demand by increasing the number of natural gas-fired combustion turbines or by purchasing power from other sources. The cost of adding the additional generating capacity at BSEP is roughly equivalent to the cost of constructing several small combustion turbine units, each producing approximately 50 Megawatts-electrical (MWe). The proposed EPU would increase the electrical output for BSEP Unit 1 from 841 MWe to 958 MWe and for BSEP Unit 2 from 835 MWe to 951 MWe. However, the cost of nuclear power generation is approximately one-third of the cost of natural gas power generation. Therefore, the proposed EPU would increase power production capacity at a lower economic cost than the fossil fuel alternatives, such as natural gas, and would not result in additional land disturbances or other environmental impacts that could result from new plant construction.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

At the time of issuance of the operating licenses for BSEP, the NRC staff noted that any activity authorized by the license for each unit would be encompassed by the overall action evaluated in the Final Environmental Statement (FES) for the operation of BSEP, which was issued in January 1974. The original operating licenses allowed a maximum reactor power of 2436 MWt. CP&L was granted amendments to the BSEP licenses to increase maximum reactor power level by approximately 5 percent on November 1, 1996. The NRC staff published an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA) in support of this uprate in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 1996 (61 FR 55673). As part of the application dated August 9, 2001, CP&L submitted a supplement to the BSEP Environmental Report supporting the proposed EPU and providing a summary of its conclusions concerning both the radiological and non-radiological environmental impacts of the proposed action. Based on the NRC staff's independent analyses and the information provided by CP&L, the NRC staff concludes that the environmental impacts of the EPU are bounded by the environmental impacts previously