

on July 25th, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 26th, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on July 27th, will be closed.

Music (Access to Artistic Excellence, Panel C): July 28–29, 2005 in Room 714. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 28th and from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on July 29th, will be closed.

Opera (Access to Artistic Excellence, Panel A): August 8–9, 2005 in Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 8th and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on August 9th, will be closed.

Opera (Access to Artistic Excellence, Panel B): August 10, 2005 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682–5532, TDY–TDD (202) 682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call (202) 682–5691.

Dated: July 1, 2005.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

Notice of the Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft Environmental Assessment for proposed activities in the Pacific Ocean.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation gives notice of the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment for proposed activities in the Pacific Ocean.

The Division of Ocean Sciences in the Directorate for Geosciences (GEO/OCE) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment for a marine geophysical survey by the Research Vessel *Roger Revelle* in the vicinity of Louisville Ridge in the Pacific Ocean, January–February 2006. The draft Environmental Assessment is available for public review for a 30-day period.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment are available upon request from: Dr. Alexander Shor, National Science Foundation, Division of Ocean Sciences, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8583. The draft is also available on the agency's Web site at http://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/pubs/scripps_louisville_ridge_EA.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), with research funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF), plans to conduct a marine survey on six seamounts of the Louisville Ridge in the Southwest Pacific Ocean during January–February, 2006. The proposed action is to conduct a planned scientific rock-dredging, magnetic, and seismic survey program to examine the eruptive history of the submarine volcanoes there, and to collect data needed to design an effective Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) study on carefully-selected seamounts. The research will be carried out entirely within International Waters.

Numerous species of cetaceans and sea turtles occur in the Southwest Pacific Ocean. Several of the species are listed as Endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). The increased underwater noise from the research may result in avoidance behavior by some marine animals, and other forms of disturbance. An integral part of the planned survey is a monitoring and mitigation program to minimize impacts of the proposed activities of marine species present, and

to document the nature and extent of any effects. Injurious impacts to marine animal have not been proven to occur near equipment proposed to be used in this research; however, the planned monitoring and mitigation measures would minimize the possibility of such effects should they otherwise occur.

With the planned monitoring and mitigation measure, unavoidable impacts in each of the species of marine mammal that might be encountered are expected to be limited to short term localized changes in behavior and distribution near the seismic vessel. At most, such effects may be interpreted as falling within the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) definition of "Level B Harassment" for those species managed by NMFS. No long-term or significant effects are expected on individual marine mammals, or the populations to which they belong, or their habitats. The agency is currently consulting with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding species within their jurisdiction potentially affected by this proposed activity.

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment, titled "Environmental Assessment of a Planned Low-Energy Marine Seismic Survey by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography on the Louisville Ridge in the Southwest Pacific Ocean, January–February 2006", are available upon request from:

Dr. Alexander Shor, National Science Foundation, Division of Ocean Sciences, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8583 or at the agency's Web site at: http://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/pubs/scripps_louisville_ridge_EA.pdf. The National Science Foundation invites interested members of the public to provide written comments on this draft Environmental Assessment.

Dated: June 30, 2005.

Alexander Shor,

*Program Director, Division of Ocean Sciences,
National Science Foundation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–277 and 50–278]

Exelon Generation Company, LLC, PSEG Nuclear LLC; Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Renewed Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has

granted the request of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee), to withdraw its application of July 14, 2003, as supplemented on March 15, April 23, May 20, December 8, and December 17, 2004, and January 21, 2005, for proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56 for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3, located in York County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications to allow the use of an alternate source term.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 2003 (68 FR 59216). By letter dated May 10, 2005, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 14, 2003, as supplemented on March 15, April 23, May 20, December 8, December 17, 2004, and January 21, 2005, and the licensee's letter dated May 10, 2005, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of June 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

George F. Wunder,
Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-6940]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for Cabot Corporation, Boyertown, PA

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Raddatz, Sr., Project Manager, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6334; fax number: (301) 415-5955; e-mail: mgr@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an amendment to Materials License No. SMB-920 issued to Cabot Corporation (the licensee), to authorize the recycling of waste water filtercake to be used as feed material at a cement kiln. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this amendment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The amendment will be issued following the publication of this notice.

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to authorize the recycling of waste water filtercake so it may be used as feed material at a cement kiln.

Specifically, the amendment will allow the licensee to transfer filtercake, containing very low levels of radioactive contamination, to a cement kiln so it may be utilized rather than disposed of in a landfill.

Cabot Supermetals (CSM) submitted, by letter dated November 24, 2004, a license amendment request for Source Materials License No. SMB-920, to allow recycling of waste water filtercake produced at the Boyertown, Pennsylvania (PA) facility. The staff has prepared the EA in support of the proposed license amendment. Within the EA staff considered information related to the site (cultural resources, demographics and socio-economics, hydrology, geology, meteorology, ecology, air and water quality, and noise) most of which was detailed in the Environmental Assessment issued April 12, 2004, for the license renewal. The proposed action was found to result in doses for all scenarios of less than 0.01 milliSievert per year (mSv/yr) [1 millirem/yr]. These doses are consistent with NRC's policy on recycling of material under 10 CFR 20.2002. The staff also reviewed the impacts from the transportation and handling of the filtercake and found that impacts were similar to, or below those already being measured when the filtercake is sent to a landfill.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are as follows:

Document	ADAMS accession no.	Date
Environmental Assessment for the Cabot Corporation License Renewal, SMB-920 (L52514)	ML041030379	04/12/2004
Application to amend license SMB-920 to allow the recycling of filtercake to be used as cement kiln feed ...	ML043350420	11/18/2004
Request to amend license SMB-920 to allow the recycling of filtercake to be used as cement kiln feed	ML043350417	11/24/2004
Supplemental information to the request to amend license SMB-920 to allow the recycling of filtercake to be used as cement kiln feed.	ML043350423	11/24/2004
Letter discussing the Agency's position on conservation of natural resources	ML043640417	12/22/2004