

cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Date and Time

Open sessions—January 25, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and January 26, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Closed session—January 26, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Jefferson Hotel, 1200 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established under section 242 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Pub.L. 105-220 (20 U.S.C. 9252). The Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board advises and makes recommendations to the Interagency Group that administers the Institute. The Interagency Group is composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. The Interagency Group considers the Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in implementing any programs to achieve those goals. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions: (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and the Institute's Director.

The National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board will meet January 25-26, 2007. On January 25, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and January 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Board will meet in open session to discuss the Institute's future and current program priorities; status of on-going Institute work; other relevant literacy activities and issues; and other Board business as necessary.

On January 26, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Board meeting will meet in closed session in order to discuss personnel issues. This discussion relates to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Institute, including consideration of the Director's performance. The discussion is likely to disclose information of personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personnel privacy. The discussion must

therefore be held in closed session under exemptions 2 and 6 of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6). A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

The National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board meeting on January 25-26, 2007, will focus on future and current program activities, and other relevant literacy activities and issues.

Records are kept of all Advisory Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: January 3, 2007.

Sandra L. Baxter,
Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos.: 50-263, 50-255; 50-266; 50-301, 50-282, 50-306 License Nos.; DPR-22, DPR-20 DPR-24; DPR-27, DPR-42, DPR-60; EA-06-178]

In the Matter of Nuclear Management Company, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2, Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Units 1 & 2; Confirmatory Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately)

I

Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC or Licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-20, DPR-42, and DPR-60 and renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-22, DPR-24, and DPR-27 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50 on, February 21, 1991, April 5, 1974, October 29, 1974, November 8, 2006, December 22, 2005, and December 22, 2005, respectively. The licenses authorize the operation of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant in accordance with conditions specified therein. The facilities are located on the Licensee's sites in Monticello, Minnesota; South Haven, Michigan; Two Rivers, Wisconsin; and Red Wing, Minnesota.

II

On March 18, 2005, the NRC's Office of Investigations (OI) began an investigation to determine whether a senior reactor operator (SRO) at the PBNP was the subject of employment discrimination in violation of 10 CFR 50.7, "Employee protection." In OI Report No. 3-2005-010, OI concluded that an SRO was discriminated against by PBNP management, in part, for raising safety concerns using the Licensees' corrective action program (CAP). By letter dated August 22, 2006, the NRC identified to the Licensee an apparent violation of 10 CFR 50.7, and offered NMC the opportunity to provide a written response, attend a predecisional enforcement conference, or to request alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in which a neutral mediator with no decision-making authority would facilitate discussions between the NRC and NMC and, if possible, assist the NRC and NMC in reaching an agreement. NMC chose to participate in ADR. On October 31, 2006, the NRC and NMC met in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in an ADR session mediated by a professional mediator, arranged through Cornell University's Institute on Conflict Resolution.

III

This Confirmatory Order is issued pursuant to the agreement reached during the ADR process.

Specifically, NMC agreed to the following:

1. By no later than nine (9) months after the issuance of this Confirmatory Order, NMC agrees to review, revise, and communicate to NMC employees and managers its policy relating to the writing of corrective action program (CAP) reports, and provide training to NMC employees and managers to clarify management's expectation regarding the use of the program with the goal to ensure employees are not discouraged, or otherwise retaliated or perceived to be retaliated against, for using the CAP.

2. By no later than June 30, 2007, NMC agrees to communicate its safety culture policy (including safety conscious work environment (SCWE)) to NMC employees, providing employees with the opportunity to ask questions in a live forum.

3. By no later than nine (9) months after the issuance of this Confirmatory Order, NMC agrees to train its employees holding supervisory positions and higher who have not had formal training on SCWE principles within the previous two years of the Confirmatory Order. NMC agrees to use

a qualified training instructor (internal or external) for such training.

NMC shall review and enhance, if necessary, its refresher SCWE training consistent with NMC's refresher training program and provide such refresher training to its employees. New employees holding supervisory positions and higher shall be trained on SCWE principles within nine (9) months of their hire dates unless within the previous two years of their hire dates, they've had the same or equivalent SCWE training.

4. By no later than March 30, 2007, NMC agrees: To develop action plans to address significant issues identified as needing management attention in the NMC 2004 and 2006 Comprehensive Cultural Assessments at PBNP; to conduct focus group interviews with Priority 1 & 2 organizations to understand the cause of the survey results; and to review and, as appropriate, reflect nuclear industry best practices in its conduct of focus groups and action plans to address the issues at PBNP.

NMC has agreed that this Confirmatory Order shall include the commitments noted above, and NRC has agreed it will not pursue any further enforcement action for this issue and will not count this matter as previous enforcement for the purposes of assessing potential future enforcement action civil penalty assessments in accordance with Section VI.C of the Enforcement Policy.

On December 20, 2006, NMC consented to the NRC issuing this Confirmatory Order with the commitments, as described in Section IV, below. NMC further agreed in its December 20, 2006, letter that this Confirmatory Order is to be effective upon issuance and that it has waived its right to a hearing. The NRC has concluded that its concerns can be resolved through issuance of this Order.

I find that the Licensee's commitments as set forth in Section IV are acceptable and necessary and conclude that with these commitments the public health and safety are reasonably assured. In view of the foregoing, I have determined that the public health and safety require that the Licensee's commitments be confirmed by this Confirmatory Order. Based on the above and the Licensee's consent, this Confirmatory Order is immediately effective upon issuance. NMC is required to provide the NRC with a letter summarizing its actions when all of the Section IV requirements have been completed.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 103, 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 Part 50, *it is hereby ordered*, effective immediately, that license nos. DPR-22, DPR-20, DPR-24, DPR-27, DPR-42, and DPR-60 are modified as follows:

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As part of the development of the action plans, NMC shall also assess and

address any legacy issues identified in prior safety culture assessments (i.e. CAP report AR00510074 and Synergy Safety Culture Assessment) that impact the safety culture at PBNP.

The executive summary, analysis, and contemplated action plans shall also be submitted to the NRC.

5. By no later than December 31, 2008, NMC shall perform another survey at PBNP comparable to the 2004 and 2006 surveys to assess trends of the safety culture at the site and the overall effectiveness of corrective actions taken in response to prior year assessments (i.e. CAP report AR00510074 and 2006 Synergy survey).

6. By no later than 3 months after the receipt of the next cultural survey results at PBNP, NMC shall submit the executive summary, analysis of the results, and the contemplated corrective actions to the NRC.

7. NMC shall continue to implement a process which ensures that adverse employment actions are in compliance with NRC employee protection regulations and principles of SCWE.

8. In the event of the transfer of the operating license of any NMC operated facility to another entity, the commitments shall survive for the NMC fleet generally and PBNP specifically.

9. Any reference to NMC employees includes all NMC employees fleet wide. The Director, Office of Enforcement, may relax or rescind, in writing, any of the above conditions upon a showing by the Licensee of good cause.

V

Any person adversely affected by this Confirmatory Order, other than the Licensee, may request a hearing within 20 days of its issuance. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for 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. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall 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 III, 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210, Lisle, IL 60532-4352, and to the Licensee. Because of potential disruptions in delivery of mail to United States

Government offices, it is requested that requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and also to the Office of the General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. If a person requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.309(d) and (f).

If the hearing is requested by 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 Confirmatory Order should be sustained. In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of times 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. A request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this order.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cynthia A. Carpenter,

Director Office of Enforcement.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-2377, License No. Stb-472 (Terminated)]

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation; Notice of Completion of Decommissioning of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation Site, Tulsa, OK

ACTION: Notice of Completion of Decommissioning of the Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation (Kaiser) Tulsa Site.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is noticing the completion of decommissioning activities at the Kaiser Tulsa Site located in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Background

The Kaiser plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was built by the Standard Magnesium Corporation (SMC) in the early to mid-1950s to manufacture magnesium products. SMC received a source materials license from the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in March 1958, authorizing possession and title to magnesium-thorium alloy with up to 4 percent thorium content for processing. Scrap magnesium-thorium alloy was smelted along with other magnesium materials to recover the magnesium. Thorium alloy material comprised a small fraction of the total magnesium refined on site. Kaiser purchased the facility in 1964. Kaiser's license was terminated in 1971, by the AEC at Kaiser's request.

The Kaiser facility was placed on the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) list in 1994, after the NRC detected surface contamination on, and adjacent to, the Kaiser property in 1993. Kaiser elected to remediate the site in two phases.

In Phase 1, Kaiser remediated the land adjacent to the Kaiser property. In Phase 2, Kaiser remediated the Kaiser property itself.

Kaiser conducted off-site remediation activities from October 2000, through May 2001. Remediation activities primarily involved excavating affected soil and moving it onto Kaiser's property. A final status survey (FSS) was performed following completion of remediation/excavation in each survey unit to demonstrate that post-remediation radiological conditions satisfied the SDMP Action Plan criteria for unrestricted release as specified in the Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan (DP). Following successful remediation, excavations were backfilled. In March 2002, NRC informed Kaiser that the adjacent land areas met NRC's criteria for unrestricted release.

Kaiser submitted the Phase 2 DP on May 25, 2001, [with revisions on May 31, 2003, October 6, 2003, May 5, 2005, September 8, 2005 and March 21, 2006] and DP Addendum on May 9, 2002, with a revision on May 31, 2003. NRC approved these documents on June 8, 2003, January 7, 2004, June 22, 2005, and October 3, 2005.

Although Kaiser is not a licensee, it agreed to perform remediation activities in accordance with 10 CFR Part 40. Kaiser conducted decommissioning activities at the site in accordance with its approved DP from June 2003 to June 2006. In accordance with the DP, Kaiser conducted FSSs to demonstrate that the facility and site meet the criteria for unrestricted release as defined in its DP.

Details of the FSS results were submitted to the NRC in six separate FSS reports (FSSRs). On September 14, 2006, Kaiser notified NRC that it had completed decommissioning and FSSs of the Tulsa, Oklahoma site, and that the FSSs demonstrate that the site meets the criteria for decommissioning and release for unrestricted use.

NRC conducted a number of independent confirmatory surveys to verify FSS results obtained by Kaiser. Confirmatory surveys consisted of surface scans for beta and gamma radiation, direct measurements for total beta activity, collection and analysis of soil samples for thorium, and collection of smear samples for determining removable radioactivity levels.

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) Radioactive material above release limits has been properly disposed; (2) reasonable effort has been made to eliminate residual radioactive contamination; (3) submitted FSSRs and associated documentation, demonstrate that the facility and site are suitable for release in accordance with the criteria for decommissioning in 10 CFR Part 20, Subpart E; and (4) records required by 10 CFR 40.61(d) and (f) have been received. Therefore, the Kaiser Tulsa Site is suitable for unrestricted release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See the letter dated September 14, 2006, and the Safety Evaluation Report dated December 29, 2006, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML062700322, and ML062360251).

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 at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of December, 2006.