

Open: 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

- Approval of August 2007 CPP Minutes.
- Committee Chairman's Remarks.
- *Status Report:*
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Open: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- Approval of CSB Minutes, August 28, 2007.
- Committee Chairman's Remarks.
- Follow-up Discussion of the Report of the NSF Working Group on the Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms (IPAMM).
- Development of Recommendations on NSF Average Award Size, Duration, and Proposal Success Rate.
- Discussion of CSB ad hoc Task Group on Cost-Sharing.
- Status of NSF FY 2008 Budget Request.

Plenary Executive Closed

Closed: 1:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

- Approval of August 2007 Minutes.
- Board Member Proposals.

Plenary Closed

Closed: 1:45 p.m.–2 p.m.

- Approval of August 2007 Minutes.
- Awards and Agreements.
- Closed Committee Reports.

Plenary Open

Open: 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

- Approval of August 2007 Minutes.
- Resolution to Close December 2007 Meeting.
- Chairman's Report.
- Director's Report.
- Open Committee Reports.

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer and Board Office Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–315 and 50–316]

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Partial Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Indiana Michigan Power Company (the licensee) to partially withdraw its November 3, 2006, as supplemented by letter dated June 27, 2007, application for proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–58 and DPR–74 for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (DCCNP–1 and DCCNP–2), located in Berrien County, Michigan.

The proposed amendment would have revised the technical specifications to reflect a plant modification that will replace the reactor coolant system (RCS) resistance temperature detectors (RTDs) and bypass piping with fast-response RTD detectors mounted in thermowells directly in the primary loop piping of DCCNP–2. The proposed TS changes affect the applicable notes in the DCCNP–2 TS surveillance requirement for channel calibration of the overtemperature differential temperature (OTAT) and overpower differential temperature (OPAT) reactor trip system (RTS) functions. The proposed change would also affect both units' TS Allowable Values (AV) for OTAT and OPAT RTS functions.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on January 3, 2007 (72 FR 153). However, by letter dated June 27, 2007, the licensee withdrew the proposed changes to the DCCNP–1 and DCCNP–2 AV for OTAT and OPAT RTS functions. The proposed changes to DCCNP–2 TS that were not withdrawn by the licensee were approved by Amendment No. 280, dated September 19, 2007.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 3, 2006, and the licensee's letter dated June 27, 2007, which partially 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 O1 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.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, or 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of September 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030–17052]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment to Byproduct Materials License No. 37–11185–04, for Unrestricted Release of a Franklin & Marshall College Facility in Lancaster, PA

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to Byproduct Materials License No. 37–11185–04. This license is held by Franklin & Marshall College (the Licensee), for its Main Campus Facilities located off Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Issuance of the amendment would authorize release of the Fackenthal Laboratories Building (the Facility) for unrestricted use. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated June 28, 2007, and responded with additional information by letters dated August 7 and 24, 2007. The NRC

has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51). Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The amendment will be issued to the Licensee following the publication of this FONSI and EA in the **Federal Register**.

II. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Licensee's June 28, 2007, license amendment request, resulting in release of the Facility for unrestricted use. License No. 37-11185-04 was issued on October 22, 1979, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 30, and has been amended periodically since that time. This license authorized the Licensee to use unsealed byproduct material at the Facility for purposes of conducting research and development activities on laboratory bench tops and in hoods. This license, if amended as requested, will continue to authorize the licensee to use unsealed byproduct material at other facilities located on its Main Campus in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Facility is located on the Licensee's 182 acre campus and consists of a 41,215 square foot building containing office, classroom, and laboratory space. Within the Facility, use of licensed materials was confined to laboratories F-214, F-304, and F-306. The area of use totaled 2,522 square feet. The Facility is located in a mixed residential and commercial area.

On January 30, 2003, the Licensee ceased licensed activities at the Facility and initiated a survey and decontamination of the Facility. Based on the Licensee's historical knowledge of the site and the conditions of the Facility, the Licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with their NRC-approved, operating radiation safety procedures, were required. The Licensee was not required to submit a decommissioning plan to the NRC because worker cleanup activities and procedures are consistent with those approved for routine operations. The Licensee conducted surveys of the Facility and provided information to the NRC to demonstrate that it meets the criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20 for unrestricted release.

Need for the Proposed Action

The Licensee has ceased conducting licensed activities at the Facility, and seeks the unrestricted use of its Facility.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The historical review of licensed activities conducted at the Facility shows that such activities involved use of the following radionuclides with half-lives greater than 120 days: Hydrogen-3 and carbon-14. Prior to performing the final status survey, the Licensee conducted decontamination activities, as necessary, in the areas of the Facility affected by these radionuclides.

The Licensee conducted final status surveys on June 28, August 7, and August 24, 2007. The Licensee elected to demonstrate compliance with the radiological criteria for unrestricted release as specified in 10 CFR 20.1402 by using the screening approach described in NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," Volume 2. The Licensee used the radionuclide-specific derived concentration guideline levels (DCGLs), developed there by the NRC, which comply with the dose criterion in 10 CFR 20.1402. These DCGLs define the maximum amount of residual radioactivity on building surfaces, equipment, and materials that will satisfy the NRC requirements in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20 for unrestricted release. The Licensee's final status survey results were below these DCGLs and are in compliance with the As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) requirement of 10 CFR 20.1402.

The NRC thus finds that the Licensee's final status survey results are acceptable. Based on its review, the staff has determined that the affected environment and any environmental impacts associated with the proposed action are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities" (NUREG-1496) Volumes 1-3 (ML042310492, ML042320379, and ML042330385). The staff finds there were no significant environmental impacts from the use of radioactive material at the Facility. The NRC staff reviewed the docket file records and the final status survey report to identify any non-radiological hazards that may have impacted the environment surrounding the Facility. No such hazards or impacts to the environment were identified. The NRC has identified no other radiological or non-radiological activities in the area

that could result in cumulative environmental impacts.

The NRC staff finds that the proposed release of the Facility for unrestricted use is in compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402 including the impact of residual radioactivity at previously-released site locations of use. Based on its review, the staff considered the impact of the residual radioactivity at the Facility and concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Due to the largely administrative nature of the proposed action, its environmental impacts are small. Therefore, the only alternative the staff considered is the no-action alternative, under which the staff would leave things as they are by simply denying the amendment request. This no-action alternative is not feasible because it conflicts with 10 CFR 30.36(d), requiring that decommissioning of byproduct material facilities be completed and approved by the NRC after licensed activities cease. The NRC's analysis of the Licensee's final status survey data confirmed that the Facility meets the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted release. Additionally, denying the amendment request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative are therefore similar, and the no-action alternative is accordingly not further considered.

Conclusion

The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action is consistent with the NRC's unrestricted release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Because the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

NRC provided a draft of this Environmental Assessment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Radiation Protection for review on September 4, 2007. On September 9, 2007, the Bureau of Radiation Protection responded by electronic mail. The State agreed with the conclusions of the EA, and otherwise had no comments.

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is of a procedural nature, and will not affect listed species

or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The NRC staff has also determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared this EA in support of the proposed action. On the basis of this EA, the NRC finds that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed action, and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for license 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 documents related to this action are listed below, along with their ADAMS accession numbers.

1. NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance;"
2. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, Subpart E, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination;"
3. Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions;"
4. NUREG-1496, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities;"
5. Franklin & Marshall College, Amendment Request Letter dated June 28, 2007 [ML071860199];
6. Franklin & Marshall College, Deficiency Response Letter dated August 7, 2007 [ML072210540];
7. Franklin & Marshall College, Deficiency Response Letter dated August 24, 2007 [ML072410250].

If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia this 20th day of September 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Chief, Commercial and R&D Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Uranium Milling Facilities

AGENCY: United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: This notice revises a notice published on August 31, 2007 in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 50414) which announced that an additional scoping meeting for the NRC's Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) would be held in Gallup, New Mexico on September 27, 2007, and that the GEIS scoping comment period was extended to October 8, 2007. The GEIS will assess the potential environmental impacts associated with uranium recovery at milling facilities employing the in-situ leach (ISL) process. The GEIS may also assess the potential environmental impacts of alternative methods of uranium recovery (including the conventional milling process). The purpose of this revised notice is to: (1) Reiterate that an additional scoping meeting will be held in Gallup, New Mexico on September 27, 2007; (2) extend the scoping comment period to October 31, 2007; and (3) announce that site-specific environmental assessments (EAs) that incorporate conclusions from the GEIS (i.e., tiered off the GEIS) will be issued for public comment.

DATES: The NRC has recently held public meetings in Casper, Wyoming, and Albuquerque, New Mexico as part of the public scoping process required by NEPA. In response to public requests, the public scoping period for the GEIS has been extended to October 31, 2007. Written comments submitted by mail should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments

mailed after that date will be considered to the extent possible.

In addition, the NRC will conduct a third public meeting in Gallup, New Mexico to assist in defining the appropriate scope of the GEIS, including the significant environmental issues to be addressed. The meeting date, time, and location are listed below:

Meeting Date: September 27, 2007, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Best Western Inn and Suites, 3009 West Hwy 66, Gallup, NM 87301-6813, Phone (505) 722-2221.

For this meeting, members of the NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The formal meeting and associated NRC presentation will begin at 7 p.m. For planning purposes, those who wish to present oral comments at the meeting are encouraged to pre-register by contacting Carol Walls of the NRC by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, Extension 8028, or by e-mail at CAW@nrc.gov no later than September 21, 2007. Interested persons may also register to speak at the meetings. Depending on the number of speakers, each speaker may be limited in the amount of time allocated for their comments so that all speakers have an opportunity to offer comments.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public and interested parties are invited, and encouraged to submit comments to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Also, the NRC encourages comments to be submitted electronically to URLGEIS@nrc.gov. Please refer to the "Uranium Recovery GEIS" when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the NRC NEPA process, or the environmental review process related to this GEIS, please contact: Paul Michalak, Project Manager, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection (DWMEP), Mail Stop T-8F5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by phone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 7612, or by e-mail at PXM2@nrc.gov. For general or technical information associated with the safety and licensing of uranium milling facilities, please contact: William Von Till, Branch Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, DWMEP, Mail Stop T-8F5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by phone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 0598, or by e-mail at RWV@nrc.gov.