

DATES: See Supplementary Information section for grants competition dates.

ADDRESSES: Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, 3333 K Street, NW., Third Floor, Washington, DC 20007–3522.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Program Performance by e-mail at competition@lsc.gov, or visit the grants competition Web site at www.grants.lsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available at <http://www.grants.lsc.gov>. Once at the Web site, click on *FY 2009 Request For Proposals Narrative Instruction* to access the RFP and other information pertaining to the LSC competitive grants process. Refer to the RFP for instructions on preparing the grant proposal; the regulations and guidelines governing LSC funding; the definition of a full range of legal services; and grant proposal submission requirements.

Applicants must file a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC; RFP Form-H) to participate in the competitive grants process. The deadline for filing the NIC is December 15, 2008, 5 p.m., E.D.T. The deadline for filing grant proposals is January 26, 2009, 5 p.m., E.D.T.

The dates shown in this notice for filing the NIC and the grant proposals supersede the dates in the RFP. All other instructions, regulations, guidelines, definitions, and grant proposal submission requirements remain in effect unless otherwise noted.

The following persons, groups, and entities are qualified applicants who may submit a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC; RFP Form-H) and an application to participate in the competitive grants process: (1) Current recipients of LSC grants; (2) non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the provision of legal assistance to eligible clients; (3) private attorneys, groups of attorneys or law firms; (5) state or local governments; and (6) sub-state regional planning and coordination agencies that are composed of sub-state areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

LSC will not fax the RFP to interested parties. Interested parties are asked to visit <http://www.grants.lsc.gov> regularly for updates on the LSC competitive grants process.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

Janet LaBella,

Director, Office of Program Performance.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2008 and Friday, November 14, 2008.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: 7975B *Highway Accident Report—Collapse of I-35W Highway Bridge, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 1, 2007* (HWY–07–MH–024).

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314–6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Rochelle Hall at (202) 314–6305 by Friday, November 7, 2008.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived Webcast by accessing a link under “News & Events” on the NTSB home page at <http://www.nts.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky D'Onofrio, (202) 314–6410.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

Vicky D'Onofrio,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Numbers 052–031 and 052–032]

Exelon Nuclear Texas Holdings, LLC; Acceptance for Docketing of an Application for Combined License (Col) for Victoria County Station, Units 1 and 2

On September 3, 2008, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) received a combined license (COL) application from Exelon Nuclear Texas Holdings, LLC, dated September 2, 2008, filed pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Subpart C of Part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 52). The site location is in Victoria County, Texas and identified as the Victoria County Station, Units 1 and 2. A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 56867 on September 30, 2008).

The NRC staff has determined that Exelon Nuclear Texas Holdings, LLC

has submitted information in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, “Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders,” and Part 52 that is sufficiently complete and acceptable for docketing. The docket numbers established for this application are 52–031 (Unit 1) and 52–032 (Unit 2).

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the application. Docketing of the COL application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application. The Commission will conduct a hearing in accordance with Subpart L of 10 CFR Part 2; the notice of hearing and opportunity to intervene will be published at a later date. The Commission will receive a report on the application from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in accordance with 10 CFR 52.87. If the Commission finds that the application meets the applicable standards of the Atomic Energy Act and the Commission's regulations, and that required notifications to other agencies and bodies have been made, the Commission will issue a COL, in the form and containing conditions and limitations that the Commission finds appropriate and necessary.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col.html> and is accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. (The ADAMS Accession No. for the application cover letter is ML082540469). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room staff by telephone at 1–(800)–397–4209, (301)–415–4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of October 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 03010576]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment to Byproduct Materials License No. 06-01450-47, for Unrestricted Release of the University of Connecticut's Noank Marine Research Laboratory Facility in Noank, CT

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

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

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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. 06-01450-47. This license is held by the University of Connecticut (the Licensee), for numerous University facilities and campuses located within the State of Connecticut, including its Noank Marine Research Laboratory (the Facility), located in Noank, Connecticut. Issuance of the amendment would authorize release of the Facility for unrestricted use. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated March 3, 2008. 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 March 3, 2008, license amendment request, resulting in release of the Facility for unrestricted use. License No. 06-01450-47 was issued on March 21, 1975, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 30 and 70, and has been amended periodically since that time. This license authorized the Licensee to use unsealed forms of byproduct material, sealed sources of byproduct material, and sealed sources of special nuclear material for purposes of conducting research and development activities on laboratory bench tops and in hoods, animal studies, teaching and training of students, calibration of instruments, and irradiation of materials.

The Facility is located in a commercial area and consists 8,000 square feet of office space and laboratories. Within the Facility, use of licensed materials was confined to 800 square feet of space in Rooms 201 and 202.

On June 8, 1992, the Licensee ceased licensed activities 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, in unsealed form; and nickel-63, cobalt-60, and radium-226 in sealed form. 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 a final status survey

on June 8, 1992. This survey covered Rooms 201 and 202 of the Noank Marine Research Laboratory. The final status survey report was attached to the Licensee's amendment request dated March 3, 2008. 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, on equipment, on materials, and in soils 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. 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.