

collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 2, 2021.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8907; NRC-2019-0026]

### United Nuclear Corporation Church Rock Project

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft environmental impact statement; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On November 13, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for United Nuclear Corporation's (UNC) license amendment request. UNC is requesting authorization to amend its license (SUA-1475) to excavate approximately 1 million cubic yards (CY) of mine waste from the Northeast Church Rock Mine Site and dispose of it at the existing mill site in McKinley County, New Mexico. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on December 28, 2020. On December 23, 2020, the NRC extended the public comment until February 26, 2021. The NRC has decided to further extend the public comment until May 27, 2021 to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments. The NRC plans to further engage the local communities to promote full understanding of the proposed action and facilitate public comment and will also hold a public comment meeting during the extended comment period.

**DATES:** The due date of comments requested in the document published December 23, 2020 (85 FR 84016) is extended. Comments should be filed no later than May 27, 2021. Comments received after this date will be

considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking Website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0026. Address questions about Docket IDs to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- *Email comments to:* [UNC-ChurchRockEIS.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:UNC-ChurchRockEIS.resource@nrc.gov).

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

- *Leave a voicemail at:* 888-672-3425.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ashley Waldron, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-7317; email: [Ashley.Waldron@nrc.gov](mailto:Ashley.Waldron@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

#### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0026 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0026.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-

415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Project Web page:* Information related to the UNC Church Rock project can be accessed on the NRC's project web page at: <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/decommissioning/uranium/united-nuclear-corporation-unc-.html>.

- *Public Libraries:* A copy of the draft EIS can be accessed at the following public library:

- Octavia Fellin Public Library Gallup, NM 87301

#### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov/>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2019-0026 in your comment submission. Written comments may be submitted during the draft EIS comment period as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of the document.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov/> and enters all comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission because the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

### II. Discussion

On November 13, 2020 (85 FR 72706), the NRC issued for public comment the draft EIS for the UNC license amendment to excavate approximately 1 million CY of mine waste from the Northeast Church Rock Mine Site and dispose of it at the existing mill site in McKinley County, New Mexico.

The draft EIS for UNC's license amendment application includes the

NRC staff's preliminary analysis that evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action. After comparing the impacts of the proposed action to reasonable alternatives and the no-action alternative, the NRC staff, in accordance with the requirements in part 51 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* preliminarily recommends the proposed action, which would authorize UNC to transfer and dispose Northeast Church Rock mine waste on top of the UNC tailings impoundment. This recommendation is based on (i) UNC's license application request, which includes Environmental Report and supplemental documents, as well as UNC's responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (ii) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies and input from other stakeholders; and (iii) independent NRC staff review as documented in the assessments summarized in this EIS.

The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on December 28, 2020. On December 23, 2020, the NRC extended the public comment until February 26, 2021 (85 FR 84016). The NRC has decided to further extend the public comment until May 27, 2021 to allow more time for members of the public to submit their comments. Comments of Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian Tribes or other interested persons will be made available for public inspection when received.

Stakeholders should monitor the NRC's public meeting website for information about future public meetings at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings.html>.

Dated: February 1, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Excepted Service; Consolidated  
Listing of Schedules A, B, and C  
Exceptions**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This provides the consolidated notice of all agency specific excepted authorities, approved

by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), under Schedule A, B, and C, as of June 30, 2020, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Alford, Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Civil Service Rule VI (5 CFR 6.1) requires the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to publish notice of exceptions granted under Schedule A, B, and C. Under 5 CFR 213.103(a) it is required that all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies to be published as regulations in the **Federal Register** (FR) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Excepted appointing authorities established solely for use by one specific agency do not meet the standard of general applicability prescribed by the **Federal Register** Act for regulations published in either the FR or the CFR. Therefore, 5 CFR 213.103(b) requires monthly publication, in the Notices section of the **Federal Register**, of any Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency. Under 5 CFR 213.103(c) it is required that a consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C authorities, current as of June 30 of each year, be published annually in the Notices section of the **Federal Register** at [www.federalregister.gov/agencies/personnel-management-office](http://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/personnel-management-office). That notice follows. Governmentwide authorities codified in the CFR are not printed in this notice.

When making appointments under an agency-specific authority, agencies should first list the appropriate Schedule A, B, or C, followed by the applicable number, for example: Schedule A, 213.3104(x)(x). Agencies are reminded that all excepted authorities are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 302 unless specifically exempted by OPM at the time of approval.

OPM maintains continuing information on the status of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities. Interested parties needing information about specific authorities during the year may obtain information by writing to the Senior Executive Resource Services, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 7412, Washington, DC 20415, or by calling (202) 606-2246.

The following exceptions are current as of June 30, 2020.

**Schedule A**

*03. Executive Office of the President (Sch. A, 213.3103)*

(a) Office of Administration—  
(1) Not to exceed 75 positions to provide administrative services and support to the White House Office.

(b) Office of Management and Budget—

(1) Not to exceed 20 positions at grades GS-5/15.

(2) Not to Exceed 34 positions that require unique technical skills needed for the re-designing and re-building of digital interfaces between citizens, businesses, and government as a part of Smarter Information Technology Delivery Initiative. This authority may be used to make permanent, time-limited and temporary appointments to Digital Services Expert positions (GS-301) directly related to the implementation of the Smarter Information Technology Delivery Initiative at the GS-14 to 15 level. No new appointments may be made under this authority after September 30, 2017.

(c) Council on Environmental Quality—

(1) Professional and technical positions in grades GS-9 through 15 on the staff of the Council.

(d)–(f) (Reserved)

(g) National Security Council—

(1) All positions on the staff of the Council.

(h) Office of Science and Technology Policy—

(1) Thirty positions of Senior Policy Analyst, GS-15; Policy Analyst, GS-11/14; and Policy Research Assistant, GS-9, for employment of anyone not to exceed 5 years on projects of a high priority nature.

(i) Office of National Drug Control Policy—

(1) Not to exceed 18 positions, GS-15 and below, of senior policy analysts and other personnel with expertise in drug-related issues and/or technical knowledge to aid in anti-drug abuse efforts.

*04. Department of State (Sch. A, 213.3104)*

(a) Office of the Secretary—

(1) All positions, GS-15 and below, on the staff of the Family Liaison Office, Director General of the Foreign Service and the Director of Personnel, Office of the Under Secretary for Management.

(2) (Reserved)

(b)–(f) (Reserved)

(g) Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration—

(1) Not to exceed 10 positions at grades GS-5 through 11 on the staff of the Bureau.