

at conferences, published in the proceedings of conferences, or in journals. Improved NCSES surveys, data collections, and data dissemination will help policymakers in decisions on research and development funding, graduate education, and the scientific and engineering workforce, as well as contributing to reduced survey costs.

*Expected Respondents:* The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and State, local, and Federal governments. Respondents will be either individuals or institutions, depending on the topic under investigation. Qualitative procedures will generally be conducted in person, online (using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or other conferencing tools), or over the phone. Quantitative

procedures may be conducted using mail, Web, email, smartphone app, or telephone modes, depending on the topic under investigation. Up to 28,515 respondents may be contacted across all projects. No respondent will be contacted more than twice in one year under this generic clearance. Every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be used to improve NCSES's current data collection instruments and processes and to reduce respondent burden, as well as to develop new surveys and new or improved data dissemination tools. Qualitative and quantitative methods that may be used include, but are not limited to, the following: Behavior

coding, split panel tests, experimental pilot studies, field tests, focus groups, respondent debriefings, exploratory interviews, cognitive interviews, and usability tests. Cognitive interviews and usability tests may include the use of scenarios, paraphrasing, card sorts, vignette classifications, rating tasks, or participatory design methods (e.g., collaborative digital whiteboards). NCSES may conduct these studies using interviewer-administered or self-administered methods, including online convenience samples.

*Estimate of Burden:* NCSES estimates that a total reporting and recordkeeping burden of 11,500 hours will result from activities to improve its surveys. The calculation is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1—POTENTIAL SURVEYS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WITH THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS AND BURDEN HOURS

Survey or information collection	2022–25 number of respondents	2022–25 number of hours
Survey of Doctorate Recipients .....	5,000	1,100
Survey of Earned Doctorates .....	2,500	945
National Training, Education, and Workforce Survey .....	660	400
Other surveys of the science and engineering workforce .....	1,250	550
Higher Education Research & Development Survey .....	450	350
Federally Funded Research & Development Centers (FFRDC) Survey .....	80	100
State Government Research & Development Survey .....	150	225
Survey of Nonprofit Research Activities .....	200	200
Business Enterprise Research & Development Survey .....	50	150
Survey of Scientific & Engineering Facilities .....	300	200
Public Perceptions of Science .....	1,100	180
Data dissemination tools and mechanisms .....	3,100	800
Projects conducted under the NCSES Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) .....	3,675	3,300
Other surveys and projects not specified .....	10,000	3,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>28,515</b>	<b>11,500</b>

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NCSES, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of NCSES's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the 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.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 30-10716; NRC-2020-0214]

**Sigma-Aldrich Company, Fort Mims Site**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License termination; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is noticing the termination of the Sigma-Aldrich Company, Fort Mims Site, Materials

License No. 24-16273-01, located in Maryland Heights, MO.

**DATES:** The license termination for Materials License No. 24-16273-01 was issued on November 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0214 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2020-0214. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* 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.

- *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). For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

- *NRC's PDR*: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC's PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [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. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Sigma-Aldrich Company's (Sigma's) Fort Mims Site is located at 11542 Fort Mims Drive, Maryland Heights, Missouri in a commercial/ industrial park. The site consists of a 3-acre parcel of land previously used for the radiolabeling of chemicals with carbon-14 and tritium.

**II. Discussion**

By email dated August 22, 2019, the NRC received an application to amend Sigma's decommissioning plan. That application was supplemented by letter dated April 27, 2020, requesting a license amendment for the termination of NRC Materials License No. 24-16273-01, and by letter dated October 19, 2020, providing the NRC Form 313 "Application for Materials License" for this action. By email dated July 31, 2020, the NRC staff accepted for detailed technical review Sigma's license amendment request to amend

the decommissioning plan and terminate the license.

The NRC staff reviewed the revised decommissioning plan with the site-specific dose model and license termination request. Based on Sigma's dose analysis and the NRC's independent and confirmatory surveys and analyses, the NRC staff concluded in a safety evaluation report dated November 16, 2021, that the Fort Mims Site met the dose criteria for unrestricted use and that the residual radioactivity is as low as reasonably achievable, consistent with section 20.1402 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Radiological criteria for unrestricted use." Based on an environmental assessment dated November 12, 2021, NRC staff concluded that there would be no significant environmental impacts. Accordingly, NRC Materials License No. 24-16273-01 for the Fort Mims Site was terminated.

**III. Availability of Documents**

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS, as indicated.

Document	ADAMS accession No.
NRC Approval of Sigma-Aldrich Company's Fort Mims Facility Decommissioning Plan, dated May 12, 2009 .....	ML091330309
Sigma-Aldrich Fort Mims Site Revised Decommissioning Plan, dated June 27, 2019 .....	ML19273A160
Transmittal Email—Sigma-Aldrich Fort Mims Revised Decommissioning Plan, dated August 22, 2019 .....	ML19273A163
Sigma-Aldrich Fort Mims Site Request for License Termination, dated April 27, 2020 .....	ML20120A544
Transmittal Email—NRC Acceptance Review of Revised Decommissioning Plan and License Termination Request, dated July 31, 2020.	ML20213C693
Sigma-Aldrich Fort Mims Site Revised Decommissioning Plan: NRC Form 313, "Application for Materials License," dated October 19, 2020.	ML20294A191
NRC Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to the Issuance of a License Amendment for the Sigma-Aldrich Fort Mims Site, dated November 12, 2021.	ML21277A097
NRC Safety Evaluation Report of Revised Decommissioning Plan and License Termination Request for the Sigma-Aldrich Fort Mims Site, dated November 16, 2021.	ML21300A384
NRC Materials License 24-16273-01 Termination Amendment 21, dated November 16, 2021 .....	ML21300A383

Dated: January 25, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2022-0001]**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** Weeks of January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2022.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public.

**Week of January 31, 2022**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 31, 2022.

**Week of February 7, 2022—Tentative**

*Tuesday, February 8, 2022*

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Organization of Agreement States and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (Public Meeting); (Contact: Celimar Valentin-Rodriguez: 301-415-7124).

*Additional Information:* The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting live by webcast at the Web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>. For those who would like to attend in person, note that all visitors are required to complete the NRC Self-Health Assessment and Certification of Vaccination forms. Visitors who certify