

Total Burden Hours: 280 hours.  
Total Annualized Capital/Startup  
Costs: n/a.  
Total Annual Cost Burden: \$8,199.  
Total Annual Federal Costs: \$348.72.

Dated: October 31, 2023.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-00143; NRC-2022-0097]

### Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.; U-Metal Project

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Environmental assessment and  
finding of no significant impact;  
issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC) is issuing a finding  
of no significant impact (FONSI) and  
accompanying environmental  
assessment (EA) regarding the NRC's  
consideration of a license amendment  
request to amend a Special Nuclear  
Material (SNM) license, SNM-124, held  
by Nuclear Fuel Service, Inc. (NFS) at  
the NFS site located in Erwin,  
Tennessee. If approved, the amendment  
would authorize NFS to operate  
uranium purification and conversion  
services (U-Metal Project) at the NFS  
site, pursuant to a contract with the U.S.  
Department of Energy's National  
Nuclear Security Administration. Based  
on the EA, the NRC staff has concluded  
that there will be no significant impacts  
to environmental resources from the  
requested license amendment, and  
therefore, a FONSI is appropriate.

**DATES:** The EA and FONSI referenced in  
this document is available on November  
6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID  
NRC-2022-0097 when contacting the  
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The NRC is considering issuance of a  
license amendment request to amend  
NFS's part 70 of title 10 of the *Code of  
Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) SNM  
license, SNM-124. The license  
amendment would authorize a change  
to current operations to include a U-  
Metal Project at NFS's site located in  
Erwin, Tennessee. As required by 10  
CFR part 51, "Environmental Protection  
Regulations for Domestic Licensing and  
Related Regulatory Functions," the NRC  
prepared an EA. Based on the results of  
the EA, the NRC has determined not to  
prepare an environmental impact  
statement (EIS) for the license  
amendment request and is issuing a  
FONSI.

NFS's 10 CFR part 70 license was  
originally issued by the Atomic Energy  
Commission to W.R. Grace and  
Company, Davison Chemical Division,  
on September 18, 1957. W.R. Grace and  
Company authorized initial facility  
operations with enriched uranium.  
Later, the license was transferred to NFS  
on December 31, 1963. The license was  
renewed on the following dates:  
November 5, 1965; January 27, 1978;  
March 16, 1979; June 9, 1992; and July

2, 1999. On August 9, 2012, the NRC  
renewed NFS's license SNM-124 for a  
period of 25 years, which will allow  
operations through 2037.

## II. Environmental Assessment

### Description of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is issuance of a  
license amendment to NFS's 10 CFR  
part 70 SNM license, SNM-124, to  
authorize construction and operation of  
the U-Metal Project at the NFS facility  
pursuant to a contract with the U.S.  
Department of Energy's National  
Nuclear Security Administration  
(NNSA).

The proposed action is described in  
the NFS's application and  
environmental report dated November  
18, 2021, as supplemented by letters  
dated on March 7, 2022, and January 31,  
2023.

### Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed for  
NFS to maintain the ability to convert  
oxides to metal, provide a redundancy  
for the purification of uranium metals,  
and hedge against the technology risk  
associated with a new electrorefining  
facility.

### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC staff considered the  
potential impacts of the proposed action  
on land use, historical and cultural  
resources; visual and scenic resources;  
meteorology, climatology, and air  
quality; noise; geologic resource; water  
resources; ecological resources;  
socioeconomics; public and occupation  
health; transportation; environmental  
justice; and waste management. Given  
that construction would occur within  
the industrial facility footprint and  
within previous disturbed areas, and all  
other proposed activities would occur in  
an existing building, the activities  
associated with the proposed  
amendment would likely not alter any  
of the current characteristics of the site.  
Additionally, the proposed action  
would not result in significantly  
increased effluents. The proposed  
activities would not be expected to add  
to historical site contamination.  
Therefore, the proposed action would  
result in insignificant impacts and  
would not contribute to potential  
cumulative impacts when added to the  
past, present, or reasonably foreseeable  
future actions on the NFS site. Any  
future proposal to conduct NRC-  
regulated activities beyond the scope of  
the present license amendment would  
be evaluated, as appropriate, as part of

a separate licensing and environmental review.

*Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Under the no-action alternative, the NRC would not amend the license to authorize construction and operation of new U-Metal Project at the NFS site. The NNSA would not have an option for conversion services to replace the legacy uranium processing equipment temporarily until the new electrorefining technology to purify high-enriched uranium metal is available, nor would NNSA have a redundancy for the purification of uranium metals.

*Agencies and Persons Consulted*

On March 29, 2023, the NRC staff provided a copy of the draft EA to the State of Tennessee Division of Radiological Health for its review and comment. In its May 4, 2023, email

response, the State noted that it has no concerns regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official concurred with the EA and FONSI.

The NRC completed consultation under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act by consulting with the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office and four Federally recognized Indian Tribes in correspondence dated September 13, 2022. In addition, the NRC staff, consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and determined that the proposed action “may affect, but not likely to adversely affect” five threatened or endangered species, would have “no effect” on one additional species, and would have “no effect” on critical habitat. The NRC staff provided its effect determinations to FWS on August 18, 2023, and FWS concurred with those findings on September 28, 2023. Therefore, consultation has been completed under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

**III. Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based on its review of the license amendment request, in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has determined that issuing the requested amendment of SNM-124 to add the U-Metal Project would not significantly affect the quality of human environment. No significant radiological or non-radiological impacts are expected from the proposed action. Therefore, the NRC staff has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, “Determinations based on environmental assessment,” preparation of an EIS is not required for the proposed action, and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, “Finding of no significant impact,” a FONSI is appropriate. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.32(a)(4), this FONSI incorporates the EA set forth in this notice by reference.

**IV. Availability of Documents**

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

Document description	ADAMS accession No.
Nuclear Fuel Services, License Amendment Application, dated November 18, 2021 .....	ML21327A099.
Nuclear Fuel Services Supplemental Environmental Report, dated November 2021 and revised January 2023.	ML22066B005 and ML23041A236.
Tennessee Department of Environmental Quality email response NRC Request for Review of Draft EA, dated May 4, 2023.	ML23131A361.
Letter to Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office initiating consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, dated September 13, 2022.	ML22098A154.
NRC letters to Tribal nations initiating consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, dated September 13, 2022.	ML22256A146 (package).
Fish and Wildlife Service, Information for Planning and Consultation identifying Threatened or Endangered Species, dated June 6, 2023.	ML23202A166.
NRC letter to FWS regarding informal Section 7 consultation, determinations of effect, dated August 18, 2023.	ML23228A158.
Fish and Wildlife Service concurrence on NRC’s determinations of effect, dated September 28, 2023 .....	ML23272A109.
Final Environmental Assessment for NFS Proposed U-Metal Project, dated October 26, 2023 .....	ML23299A062.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
 Dated: October 31, 2023.  
**Michelle S. Rome,**  
*Acting Chief, Environmental Review Materials Branch, Division of Rulemaking, Environmental, and Financial Support, Office of Nuclear Material Safety, and Safeguards.*  
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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. MC2024-29 and CP2024-29]

**New Postal Products**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning

a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* November 7, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**I. Introduction**

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the