

notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 30, 1996, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of permit applications received. Permits were issued on October 1, 1996 to the following applicants:

Bill J. Baker, Permit #97-004

Donald B. Siniff, Permits #97-006 and #97-007

Wayne Z. Trivelpiece, Permit #97-012

Arthur L. DeVries, Permit #97-014

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Office.

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Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee

In accordance with the Arctic Research and Policy Act, Pub. L. 98-373, the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name: Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)—Meeting to Receive Comments on the U.S. Arctic Research Plan.

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 13, 1996, 2:00–3:30 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 390, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open. The meeting is open to the public.

Contact Person: Charles E. Myers, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

Purpose of Meeting: Section 109(a) of the Arctic Research and Policy Act requires a biennial revision of the United States Arctic Research Plan (the next revision is due in July 1997). Section 109(a) of the Act further requires the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee to consult with the public during development of the Plan. Representatives of the groups named in section 109(a) of the Act as well as members of the general public are invited to obtain a copy of the current plan (available from: Arctic Research and Policy Staff, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230, telephone (703) 306-1029), and to bring any comments they may have to the meeting. Staff of the Interagency Committee will be present to receive comments and answer questions. The Interagency Committee and its staff and working groups are preparing the revision to the Plan.

The U.S. Arctic Research Plan is organized to address research needs in the following areas:

1. Arctic Oceans and Marginal Seas;

2. Atmosphere and Climate;
3. Land and Offshore Resources;
4. Land-Atmosphere Interactions;
5. Engineering and Technology;
6. Social Science; and
7. Health.

Coordinated interagency efforts and supporting programs are also discussed. These include arctic contamination studies, data and information, logistics, and international activities.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Comments from representatives of groups named in the Arctic Research and Policy Act are encouraged. Written comments should be submitted at the public meeting or mailed to the address below by November 12, 1996. If you would like to address the Committee, please call 703-306-1029 to reserve a time.

Costs to Public: None.

Charles E. Myers,

Head, Arctic Interagency Staff, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 070-364]

Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Babcock and Wilcox Facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, and Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request for decommissioning the Babcock and Wilcox Facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, and opportunity for a hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of a license amendment to Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-414 (SNM-414), issued to the Babcock and Wilcox Company, Pennsylvania Nuclear Service Operations (the licensee), to authorize decommissioning of its former plutonium processing facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania. This amendment does not relate to the decommissioning of the licensee's Shallow Land Disposal Area, which is under a separate license.

The licensee has been decommissioning the buildings at the Parks Township facility in accordance with the conditions discussed in SNM-414. On January 26, 1996, the licensee submitted a site decommissioning plan (SDP) to NRC for review that summarized the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to

remediate the building slabs, basements, sub-surface utilities and soil at the Parks Township facility. Radioactive contamination at the licensee's Parks Township facility discussed in the SDP consists of soils and building rubble contaminated with uranium, transuranic radionuclides, and byproduct material resulting from licensed operations that occurred from the late 1950s until the early 1990s.

The NRC will require the licensee to remediate the Parks Township facility to meet NRC's decommissioning criteria, and during the decommissioning activities, to maintain effluent and doses within NRC requirements and as low as reasonably achievable.

Prior to approving the decommissioning plan, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment. Approval of the SDP will be documented in an amendment to SNM-414.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or
2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, Babcock and Wilcox Company, R. D. 1, Box 355, Vandergrift, PA 15690 Attention: Mr. Don K. Sgarlata; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

For further details with respect to this action, the site decommissioning plan is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555 and in NRC's Local Public Document Room located at the Apollo Memorial Library, 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Apollo, PA 15613.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of October, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael F. Weber,

Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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[Docket Nos. 50-317, 50-318, and 72-8]

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Calvert Cliffs Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering approval of the transfer of, and issuance of amendments to, Facility Operating License No. DPR-53, DPR-69, and SNM-2505, issued to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), (the licensee), for operation of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and the Calvert Cliffs Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), located in Calvert County, Maryland.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would consent to the transfer of control of the operating licenses and amend them to reflect the transfer of control of the licenses for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and the Calvert Cliffs ISFSI held by BGE. The proposed license transfers would transfer authority to possess and operate Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and the ISFSI from BGE to Constellation Energy Corporation. The proposed amendments would change the licenses, to reflect this transfer by substituting Constellation Energy Corporation in place of BGE as the licensee for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and the ISFSI.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated April 5, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed actions are required to approve and reflect the transfer of control of the licenses discussed above. The transfer and amendments reflecting the transfer of control will have minimal impact on the operation of the facilities. The transfer and amendments will not affect the Technical Specifications or license conditions for the facilities.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed transfer of control of the licenses and related amendments and concludes that there will be no changes to the operation of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and Calvert Cliffs ISFSI since the Constellation Energy Corporation management directly responsible for the operation will be experienced BGE managers.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the transfer of control and related amendments would not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological

environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and the Environmental Assessment for Calvert Cliffs ISFSI, dated March 1991.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on September 18, 1996, the staff consulted with the Maryland State official, Richard I. McLean of the Department of Natural Resources, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 5, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of October 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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