

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681]

International Uranium (USA) Corp.; Notice of Receipt of License Amendment Application; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application, by letter dated March 3, 1998, from International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUSA) to amend NRC Source Material License No. SUA-1358. By this submittal, IUSA is requesting NRC approval for a performance-based license condition (PBLC) regarding the acceptance of alternate feed materials for processing at its White Mesa Uranium Mill, located near Blanding, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James R. Park, Uranium Recovery Branch, Mail Stop TWFN 7-J8, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone 301/415-6699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 15, 1995, the NRC published in the **Federal Register** staff guidance entitled, "Final Position and Guidance on the Use of Uranium Mill Feed Material Other Than Natural Ores" (60 FR 49296). Under this guidance, NRC-licensed uranium or thorium mills may process "* * * natural or native matter that may be mined and treated for the extraction of any of its constituents or any other matter from which source material is extracted * * *" subject to NRC approval. By this amendment application, IUSA is requesting that it be allowed to accept alternate feed materials for processing at the White Mesa mill, subject to operating procedures approved by the NRC, without having to seek NRC approval on a case-by-case basis.

The inspection role of the NRC would remain unchanged with the administration of a PBLC. Operational changes, regulatory commitments, and record keeping requirements implemented by IUSA through a PBLC are subject to NRC inspection and enforcement actions, if appropriate.

In the past, the NRC has granted approval to IUSA for the processing of alternate feed materials on several occasions. The two most recent approvals concerned the Cotter Concentrate materials, formerly stored

on the Nevada Test Site (Amendment 1 to SUA-1358; April 2, 1997), and uranium-bearing materials received from Cabot Corporation's facility near Boyerstown, Pennsylvania (Amendment 4 to SUA-1358; August 15, 1997).

IUSA's application to amend Source Material License No. SUA-1358, which describes the proposed change and the reasons for the request, is available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, DC 20555.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The Commission hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a licensing action falling within the scope of subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operators Licensing Proceedings," of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders in 10 CFR part 2 (54 FR 8269). 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 from 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 Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The applicant, International Uranium (USA) Corporation, Independence Plaza, Suite 950, 1050 Seventeenth Street, Denver, CO 80265;

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director of Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(3) By mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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

(1) The interest of the requestor 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 requestor'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).

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph J. Holonich,

Chief Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material, Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed Generic Communication; Augmented Inspection of Pressurized- Water Reactor Class 1 High Pressure Safety Injection Piping (TAC NO. M99226)

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 30, 1998, (63 FR 15233) the NRC published for public comment a proposed generic letter concerning the identification of a discrepancy in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code inspection requirements regarding the inservice inspection of those portions of the high-pressure safety injection system piping designated as Code Class 1 with nominal pipe sizes between 4 inches and 1½ inches, inclusive, and the need for addressees to maintain the integrity of this reactor coolant pressure boundary piping in accordance with the provisions of their current facility licensing bases and report to the NRC their previous actions for verifying the integrity of the subject piping and their plans regarding future inspections. The comment period for this proposed generic letter was originally scheduled to expire on April 29, 1998. In a letter dated March 31, 1998, the Nuclear Energy Institute requested a 30-day

extension of the comment period to permit sufficient time to reach consensus on a coordinated industry response. In response to this request, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period.

DATES: The comment period has been extended 30 days and will now expire on May 29, 1998. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSEES: Submit written comments to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T6-D59, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew A. Mitchell (301) 415-3303.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,

Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of April 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 1998.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 13

There are no meetings the week of April 13.

Week of April 20—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of April 20.

Week of April 27—Tentative

Wednesday, April 29

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

Thursday, April 30

9:00 a.m.

Briefing on Investigative Matters (Closed—Ex. 5 and 7)

2:00 p.m.

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2 and 6)

Friday, May 1

8:30 a.m.

Briefing on Selected Issues Related to Proposed Restart of Millstone Unit 3. (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Bill Travers, 301-415-1200) ¹

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1:00 p.m.

(Continuation of Millstone meeting.)

Week of May 4—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of May 4.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 4-0 on March 23, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.104(a)(1) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing by Executive Branch" (Closed—Ex. 1) be held on March 23, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 3-1 on April 3, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.104(a)(1) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Louisiana Energy Services—Review of LBP-96-25 (NEPA Issues); Review of LBP-97-8 (Environmental Justice)" be held on April 3, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an

¹ Note: A follow-on meeting to discuss the remaining issues related to Millstone Unit 3 restart will be held at a later date.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

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William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary, 4/10/98.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Form U-6B-2—File No. 270-169, OMB Control No. 3235-0163

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. Section 79a *et seq.*) requires the filing of an application and/or declaration on Form U-1 for prior Commission approval both for the issue and sale of a security and its acquisition by a company in a registered holding company system.¹ Section 6(b) provides that the Commission shall exempt from the requirement of filing a declaration on Form U-1, by rules and regulations or orders and subject to such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors or consumers, certain security issuances and sales.

Section 6(b) also contains a reporting requirement. It directs the issuer of securities exempted under section 6(b) to file with the Commission within 10 days of the issue or sale a certificate of notification and directs the Commission to prescribe the form of and information required in this certificate. Rule 20(d) prescribes Form U-6B-2 as the form of certificate of notification to be filed pursuant to section 6(b). Form U-6B-2 is also prescribed by rule 52(b) (17 CFR 250.52(b)) and rule 47(b) (17 CFR

¹ See section 6(a) (requiring prior Commission approval under the standards of section 7 for the issue and sale of securities) and section 9(a)(1) (requiring prior Commission approval under the standards of section 10 for the acquisition of securities).