

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11th day of August 1998.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 040-02384]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request to the Decommissioning License for the RMI Titanium Company Extrusion Plant Site in Ashtabula, Ohio, and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of an amendment to Source Material License No. SMB-602, issued to RMI Environmental Services, a Division of RMI Titanium Company (the Licensee), for the decommissioning of its extrusion plant facility in Ashtabula, Ohio.

The Licensee requested the amendment in a letter dated May 13, 1998. The amendment would authorize the Licensee to use an unrestricted release criterion of 220 pCi/g of technetium-99 in soil for decommissioning the site.

The amendment would also delete existing license conditions for: demonstrating that site soils are not contaminated with thorium-230 (the Licensee has provided documentation showing that thorium-230 concentrations are at background levels); and certification of the signator's authorities of DOE's statement of intent to fund decommissioning of the site (the Licensee has provided acceptable documentation of the signator's authorities).

Radioactive contamination at the extrusion plant facility resulted primarily from extrusion operations, using depleted, natural, and slightly enriched uranium. Uranium extrusion operations occurred from 1962 through 1988.

The Licensee is currently remediating the extrusion plant site in accordance with its approved decommissioning plan to meet NRC's criteria as specified in the Action Plan to Ensure Timely Cleanup of Site Decommissioning Management Plan Sites (57 FR 13389; April 16, 1992), and is maintaining effluents as low as reasonably achievable.

Prior to the issuance of the proposed amendment, 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.

The NRC hereby provides notice that an application for a license amendment falls within the scope of the informal hearing procedures set forth in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, which addresses NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings. 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 in accordance with § 2.1205(d)(1).

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 Office 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 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).

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, RMI Environmental Services, P.O. Box 579, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004-579, Attention: Mr. Eric Marsh, RMI Environmental Services, 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 application for amendment request is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of August 17, 24, 31, and September 7, 1998.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of August 17

Wednesday, August 19

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public meeting), a: Commission Order Referring Request for Hearing on Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's Application for License Renewal to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (Contact: Ken Hart, 301-415-1659).

Week of August 24—Tentative

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on 10 CFR Part 70—Proposed Rulemaking, "Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material" (Public meeting) (Contact: Elizabeth Ten Eyck, 301-415-7212).

Wednesday, August 26

10:00 a.m.—Briefing by Executive Branch (Closed—Ex. 1)

2:00 p.m.—Briefing on Status of Activities with CNWRA and HLW Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Bell, 301-415-7286).

3:30 p.m.—Briefing Affirmation Session (Public meeting) (if needed).