

Dated: December 22, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-00-1310-EJ]

Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Exploration and Development Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice: Comment period extension.

SUMMARY: Notices of Availability (NOA) of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Exploration and Development Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) were published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (64 FR 66474) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (64 FR 66194-66195) on November 26, 1999, providing 60 days for the public to review and comment on the DEIS. BLM is extending that review and comment period 10 days. A letter regarding the extension of time has been sent to all parties receiving the DEIS.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS will now be due on February 4, 2000. The formal public hearing will still be held at 7 p.m. on January 12, 2000, at the Pinedale High School Auditorium, 101 E. Hennick, Pinedale, WY. The purpose of the hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to verbalize their comments on the proposed natural gas exploration and development DEIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Bill McMahan (Project Coordinator), 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901, or they can be e-mailed to bill_mcmahan@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wyoming BLM State Director received requests from the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Wyoming Wildlife Federation, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and the Wyoming Outdoor Council for a 30-day extension of time to review and comment on the DEIS. After carefully considering the request for extension of the 60-day public comment period provided for this DEIS, the Wyoming BLM State Director decided to extend the comment period for 10 days rather

than 30 days for the following reasons: The Council on Environmental Quality regulations, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1506, require that agencies provide at least 45 days for the public to comment on DEISs. The 60-day comment period provided already allows the public an additional 15 days to review and comment on this DEIS.

Public comment periods under those regulations commence upon the date that EPA publishes a NOA of the draft in the **Federal Register**. EPA's NOA for this DEIS was published on November 26, 1999. BLM mailed all copies of the DEIS, and the Technical Report, to interested parties on or before November 19, 1999, to insure that they would have the document in hand for the full 60-day review and comment period.

The DEIS, along with the Technical Document, are a substantial work, but are comparable to other Wyoming BLM EIS's such as Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project, the Wyodak Coalbed Methane Project, and other major statements BLM has prepared. We acknowledge that holiday activities and obligations, along with concurrent review timeframes of other environmental documents, may affect interested parties' ability to review them. However, we do not believe those are compelling reasons to extend the comment period more than 10 days.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-920-5700-00]

Change of Public Room Hours

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In order to meet our customers needs, the Nevada State Office Public Room hours will be extended. The new hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 1340 Financial Blvd, Reno, NV 89502; P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520-0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natalie Okimura or Josephine Leone at 775-851-6500.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Thomas V. Leshendok,

Deputy State Director, Minerals Management.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-99-052]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: January 6, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-861-862 (Preliminary) (Expandable Polystyrene Resins from Indonesia and Korea)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on January 6, 2000.)
5. Inv. Nos. 701-TA-202 and 731-TA-103 and 514 (Review) (Cotton Shop Towels from Bangladesh, China, and Pakistan)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on January 21, 2000.)
6. Outstanding action jackets:
 - (1.) Document No. GC-99-110: Regarding Inv. No. 731-TA-752 (Final) (Crawfish Tail Meat from China).
 - (2.) Document No. GC-99-111: Regarding Inv. No. 337-TA-422 (Certain Two-Handle Centerset Faucets and Escutcheons and Components Thereof). In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY:

The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2000 and Friday, January 14, 2000 at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on January 13, and 9 a.m. on January 14.

The Commission will discuss draft chapters for its March 2000 report. Topics for discussion also include: updating payments to physicians and ambulatory care facilities, disproportionate share hospital payments, case mix refinement and payments to teaching hospitals, post acute care, end-stage renal disease, MCBS access and satisfaction analysis, prescription drugs, analysis of Medicare+Choice benefit data and hospital payment issues.

Agendas will be mailed on Tuesday, January 4, 2000. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov)

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call (202) 653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681]

International Uranium (USA) Corporation

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final Finding of No Significant Impact; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

SUMMARY: The International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUC) requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amend its NRC Source Material License SUA-1358, to approve its Reclamation Plan, as amended, for the White Mesa Uranium Mill near Blanding, Utah. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was

performed by the NRC staff in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. The conclusion of the EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed licensing action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William von Till, Uranium Recovery and Low-Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7-J8, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Materials License SUA-1358 was originally issued by NRC on August 7, 1979, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 40, "Domestic Licensing of Source Material." The IUC site is licensed by the NRC under Materials License SUA-1358 to possess byproduct material in the form of uranium waste tailings and other uranium byproduct waste generated by the licensee's milling operations, as well as other source material from multiple locations. Some of these locations include material from Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) sites managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). These materials generally have similar chemical, physical, and radiological composition to conventional mill tailings. The mill is currently operating. The license amendment would approve IUC's reclamation plan (RP). The proposed action is needed to minimize exposure of contaminated materials, once the mill operations have ceased, by reclaiming contaminated areas and stabilizing wastes. The goal of the reclamation plan is to permanently isolate and stabilize the tailings and associated contamination by minimizing disturbances by natural forces, and to do so without ongoing maintenance. The design objective is to be effective for up to one thousand years, to the extent reasonable, and, in any case for at least 200 years; to provide reasonable assurance that releases of radon-222 from the residual radioactive material will be minimized, and to provide reasonable assurances to protect groundwater resources.

The facilities to be reclaimed include the following:

- (1) Cell 1 (evaporative), Cells 2 and 3 (tailings), and Cell 4A (not currently used).
- (2) Mill buildings and equipment.
- (3) On-site contaminated areas.

(4) Off-site contaminated areas (*i.e.*, potential areas affected by windblown tailings).

The reclamation of the above facilities will include the following:

- (1) Placement of materials and debris from the mill decommissioning in tailings Cells 2 and 3.
- (2) Placement of contaminated soils, crystals, and synthetic liner material from Cell 1 in tailings Cells 2 and 3.
- (3) Placement of contaminated soils, crystals, and synthetic liner material from Cell 4A in tailings Cells 2 and 3.
- (4) Placement of an engineered multi-layer cover on Cells 2 and 3.
- (5) Construction of runoff control and diversion channels as necessary.
- (6) Reconditioning of mill and ancillary areas.
- (7) Reclamation of borrow sources.

The plan further describes the designs, activities, schedule, and estimated costs for reclaiming IUC's White Mesa Uranium Mill Site and Tailing Impoundment, for bonding and surety coverage requirements. The actual final reclamation design and cost analyses will depend on the quantity and depth of the tailings actually placed in the impoundment area and the surface area that they occupy. All conditions and commitments in the reclamation plan are subject to NRC inspection. Violation of the plan may result in enforcement action.

IUC submitted the RP in a letter dated February 28, 1997, and amended by letters of December 16, 1997, September 11, 1998, October 23, 1998, May 26, 1999, and June 22, 1999.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

The NRC staff performed an appraisal of the environmental impacts associated with the RP for the White Mesa mill, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, Licensing and Regulatory Policy Procedure for Environmental Protection. In conducting its appraisal, the NRC staff considered the following: (1) Information contained in the previous environmental evaluations of the White Mesa project; (2) information contained in IUC's reclamation plan; (3) information contained in IUC's license amendment request submitted subsequent to its reclamation plan, and NRC staff approvals of such requests; (4) land use and environmental monitoring reports; and (5) information derived from NRC staff site visits and inspections of the White Mesa mill site and from communications with IUC, the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of Utah