

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694 or fax number 301-837-3213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on April 16, 2002 (67 FR 18638 and 18639). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Generic clearance for user satisfaction research on Internet sites.

OMB number: 3095-NEW.

Agency form number: N/A.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals and households.

Estimated number of respondents: 4,000.

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 333 hours.

Abstract: This is a request for a three-year generic clearance to conduct user satisfaction research for our Internet sites. This effort is made according to Executive Order 12862, which directs Federal agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services.

Dated: July 1, 2002.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-36000]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a New Byproduct Material License Requested by the U.S. Army Contaminated Equipment Retrograde Team Field Service Facility, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL; Notice of Availability

Environmental Assessment Summary

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuing a new Byproduct Material License Number 12-00722-15 to the Department of the Army to authorize the collection of unwanted Army commodities containing radiological sources, and preparation of these sources for shipment and proper disposal using the Army Contaminated Equipment Retrograde Team Field Services Facility (ACERTSF) located in Rock Island, Illinois.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) reviewed the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities outlined in the Department of the Army's April 10, 2002, license application. The EA considered the licensee's proposed radiation protection program, and the types, quantities, the physical forms of the radioactive materials to be received, processed, stored and shipped by the Army at its proposed location. The EA included evaluation of the building, adjoining grounds, security, fire protection, and engineering controls used to ensure the safe use of licensed materials.

Proposed Action

The ACERTSF proposes to receive unwanted DoD commodities containing radiological sources, consolidate the sources into U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved shipping containers, and ship the consolidated sources to an NRC approved disposal facility, or to another authorized NRC or Agreement State licensee for reuse.

The Service Facility will process radioactive sealed sources or commodities containing radioactive material in solid, non-dispersible form. The consolidation process will not

involve any physical or chemical work which could damage or change the integrity of the radioactive sealed sources. If a commodity is determined to be damaged upon receipt with the potential for leakage of the radioactive sealed source, it will be repackaged appropriately, without any processing, and sent to an appropriate waste disposal facility.

The isotopes to be received will include americium-241, carbon-14, cesium-137, lead-210, nickel-63, promethium-147, cobalt-60, strontium-90, thorium (natural and alloyed with magnesium), uranium (depleted), special nuclear material (check sources only) and sealed sources in gaseous form i.e. hydrogen 3 and krypton 85. The radioactive sealed sources have been evaluated and registered with the NRC pursuant to 10 CFR Part 32, § 32.210, Registration of product information. Additionally, ACERTSF management has established maximum possession limits for each isotope, such that an Emergency Plan pursuant to 10 CFR Part 30, § 30.72 Schedule C—Quantities of radioactive materials requiring consideration of the need for an emergency plan for responding to a release, is not required. The Army also does not intend to store radioactive material for long periods of time. The Army has committed to make shipments of material after repackaging, approximately every 180 days.

Need for Proposed Action

The Army request will:

- Reduce personnel and transportation costs associated with the retrieval of the sealed sources, from temporary job-sites throughout the U.S. or U.S. military bases in other countries;
- Reduce the disposal cost, since the use of each DOT shipping container can be maximized by filling each container to capacity rather than putting one device/sealed source in it for disposal;
- Conserve limited land disposal resources;
- Ensure that the personnel retrieving the sealed sources and devices are specifically authorized to perform these activities, and that they have the most current and highest level of radiological training;
- Ensure that processing of the radioactive materials will be done in a specially designed facility, rather than at temporary job-sites and foreign US military bases; and
- Reduce the turn around time for receipt of reports of leak tests performed on radioactive sources, to verify their acceptability for receipt or transfer.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

NRC staff reviewed the proposed consolidation and recycle activities, the licensed radiation protection program, and the potential for release of radioactive materials from the Service Facility. The work practices and safety criteria are specified in the Army's application so that operational activities will meet the 10 CFR Part 20 radiation protection requirements. Worker and public doses will be limited so that exposures will not exceed Part 20 requirements and are as low as reasonably achievable.

The EA also addressed other Non-radiological impacts, such as transportation, air quality, noise, environmental justice, and endangered species.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The alternatives, and the associated impacts and conclusions, are discussed in the EA. These included: no action; contracting with private vendors; and, the proposed action.

Conclusions

Based on the NRC staff evaluation of the licensee's April 10, 2002 license application, for the Rock Island Arsenal facility, as documented in the EA, the staff has determined that the proposed activities can be accomplished in compliance with NRC's public and occupational dose limits, effluent release limits, and residual radioactive material limits. In addition, the issuance of the license will not result in a significant adverse impact on the public health and safety or the environment.

Agencies and Individuals Contacted

NRC staff consulted with the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety.

Finding of No Significant Impact

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

The NRC Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing will consider all written comments received before July 31, 2002. Comments received after July 31, 2002, may be considered if time permits. Comments should be addressed to the contact listed below.

ADDRESSES: The document U.S. Army Contaminated Equipment Retrograde Team Field Service Facility, Rock Island, Illinois, Environmental

Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission's Public Document Room, U.S. NRC, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EA is available for review at NRC's Electronic Reading Room, on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession [file] number for this document is ML021790380. The NRC Project Manager for this action is Mr. George McCann. Mr. McCann can be reached at (630) 829-9856 at the following address: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 801 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois this 28th day of June, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-143]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact of License Amendment for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Amendment of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Materials License SNM-124 to authorize construction and operation of the Uranyl Nitrate Storage Building.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-124 to authorize construction and operation of the Uranyl Nitrate Storage Building at the Nuclear Fuel Services site in Erwin, Tennessee, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment in support of this action. The accession number for the Environmental Assessment is ML021790068.

Summary of Environmental Assessment Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action currently before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is to allow the licensee to construct and operate a Low-Enriched Uranyl Nitrate Storage Building (UNB) at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) site in Erwin,

Tennessee, and to increase the ²³⁵U possession limit. This action is part of the Blended Low-Enriched Uranium (BLEU) project described below. The other related future activities which were considered to contribute to the environmental impacts for this project are: construction and operation of an Oxide Conversion Building (OCB), construction and operation of a new Effluent Processing Building (EPB), and relocation of downblending operations within the NFS protected area in a BLEU Preparation Facility (BPF).

On March 4, 2002, NRC issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for amendment of Special Nuclear Material (SNM) License No. SNM-124 for NFS. To avoid segmentation of the environmental review, NFS has submitted environmental documentation for three proposed license amendments, which will impact the site over the next few years.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for these actions does not serve as authorization for any proposed activities, rather it assesses the environmental impacts of the actions. As each amendment application is submitted, the NRC staff will perform a separate safety evaluation, which will be the basis for the approval or denial of the application. As part of the safety evaluation, the NRC will perform an environmental review. If the review indicates that this EA appropriately and adequately assesses the environmental effects of the proposed action, then no further assessment will be performed. However, if the environmental review indicates that this EA does not evaluate fully the environmental effects, another EA [or environmental impact statement (EIS)] will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Need for the Proposed Action

The Blended Low Enriched Uranium (BLEU) Project is part of a Department of Energy (DOE) program to reduce stockpiles of surplus high enriched uranium (HEU) through re-use or disposal as radioactive waste. Re-use as low enriched uranium (LEU) is considered the favorable option by the DOE because (1) weapons grade material is converted to a form unsuitable for nuclear weapons (addressing a proliferation concern), (2) the product can be used for peaceful purposes, and (3) the commercial value of the surplus material can be recovered. An additional benefit of re-use is avoidance of unnecessary use of limited radioactive waste disposal space. Framatome ANP Inc. has contracted