

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to University City Science Center for Materials License No. 37-17452-01, to authorize release of its facilities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for unrestricted use and to terminate the license. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The amendment will be issued following publication of this notice.

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize the release of the licensee's facilities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for unrestricted use. University City Science Center was authorized by NRC from May 1977 to use radioactive materials for research and development purposes at the site. In March 2003, University City Science Center requested that NRC release the facility for unrestricted use and terminate the license. University City Science Center has conducted surveys of the facility and determined that the facility meets the license termination criteria in subpart E of 10 CFR part 20.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC has prepared the EA (summarized above) in support of the proposed license amendment to terminate the license and release the facility for unrestricted use. The NRC staff has evaluated University City Science Center's request and the results of the surveys and has concluded that the completed action complies with 10 CFR part 20. The staff has found that the environmental impacts from the proposed action are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Facilities" (NUREG-1496). On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed action are expected to be insignificant and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

IV. Further Information

The EA and the documents related to this proposed action, including the application for the license amendment and supporting documentation, are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at [http://](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html)

www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML030860181, ML032520675 and ML041040751). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this 15th day of April, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Appointments to Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Appointment to Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has announced the following appointments to the NRC Performance Review Boards.

The following individuals are appointed as members of the NRC Performance Review Board (PRB) responsible for making recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities on performance appraisal ratings and performance awards for Senior Executives and Senior Level employees:

Patricia G. Norry, Deputy Executive Director for Management Services, Office of the Executive Director for Operations;

Edward T. Baker, Deputy Director, Office of International Programs;

Stephen G. Burns, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel;

James E. Dyer, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation;

Jesse L. Funches, Chief Financial Officer;

William F. Kane, Deputy Executive Director for Homeland Protection and Preparedness, Office of the Executive Director for Operations;

Bruce S. Mallett, Regional Administrator, Region IV;

Jacqueline E. Silber, Deputy Chief Information Officer;

Jack R. Strosnider, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research;

Martin J. Virgilio, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards;

Michael F. Weber, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

The following individuals will serve as members of the NRC PRB Panel that was established to review appraisals and make recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities for NRC PRB members:

Karen D. Cyr, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel;

Ellis W. Merschhoff, Chief Information Officer;

Carl J. Paperiello, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research, and State Programs, Office of the Executive Director for Operations.

All appointments are made pursuant to section 4314 of chapter 43 of title 5 of the United States Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Secretary, Executive Resources Board, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; (301) 415-7530.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April, 2004.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carolyn J. Swanson,

Secretary, Executive Resources Board.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate; the quality, practical utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form, OMB control number 3420-0001, under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Bruce I. Campbell, Records Management Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202/336-8563.

Summary Form Under Review

Type of Request: Form Renewal.

Title: Request for Registration for Political Risk Investment Insurance.

Form Number: OPIC-50.

Frequency of Use: Once per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institution (except farms); individuals.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: ½ hour per project.

Number of Responses: 343 per year.

Federal Cost: \$1,000.00.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The OPIC 50 form is submitted by eligible investors to register their intent to make international investments, and ultimately, to seek OPIC political risk insurance. By submitting Form 50 to OPIC prior to making an irrevocable commitment, the incentive effect of OPIC is demonstrated.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Eli Landy,

Senior Counsel, Administrative Affairs,
Department of Legal Affairs.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule and Form Relating to Inspections of Registered Public Accounting Firms

April 19, 2004.

Pursuant to Section 107(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Act"),

notice is hereby given that on October 15, 2003, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("Board" or "PCAOB") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rules described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared by the Board and are presented here in the form submitted by the Board. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rules from interested persons.

I. Board's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rules

On October 7, 2003, the Board adopted rules related to inspections. The proposal includes ten Rules on Inspections (PCAOB Rules 4000 through 4010, reserving Rule 4005) and 2 definitions that would appear in PCAOB Rule 1001. The text of the proposed rules and definitions is as follows:

Section 1. General Provisions

Rule 1001. Definitions of Terms Employed in Rules

When used in Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a)(xi) Appropriate State Regulatory Authority

The term "appropriate state regulatory authority" means the State agency or other authority responsible for the licensure or other regulation of the practice of accounting in the State or States having jurisdiction over a registered public accounting firm or associated person thereof, with respect to the matter in question.

(p)(vi) Professional Standards

The term "professional standards" means—

(A) accounting principles that are—
(i) Established by the standard setting body described in section 19(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended by the Act, or prescribed by the Commission under section 19(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or section 13(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(ii) Relevant to audit reports for particular issuers, or dealt with in the quality control system of a particular registered public accounting firm; and
(B) Auditing standards, standards for attestation engagements, quality control policies and procedures, ethical and competency standards, and independence standards (including rules implementing Title II of the Act) that the Board or the Commission determines—

(i) Relate to the preparation or issuance of audit reports for issuers; and

(ii) Are established or adopted by the Board under section 103(a) of the Act, or are promulgated as rules of the Commission.

Section 4. Inspections

Rule 4000. General

Every registered public accounting firm shall be subject to all such regular and special inspections as the Board may from time-to-time conduct in order to assess the degree of compliance of each registered public accounting firm and associated persons of that firm with the Act, the Board's rules, the rules of the Commission, and professional standards, in connection with its performance of audits, issuance of audit reports, and related matters involving issuers. Inspection steps and procedures shall be performed by the staff of the Division of Registration and Inspections, and by such other persons as the Board may authorize to participate in particular inspections or categories of inspections.

Rule 4001. Regular Inspections

In performing a regular inspection, the staff of the Division of Registration and Inspections and any other person authorized by the Board to participate in the inspection shall take such steps, and perform such procedures, as the Board determines are necessary or appropriate. Such steps and procedures must include, but need not be limited to, those set forth in Section 104(d)(1) and (2) of the Act and such other tests of the audit, supervisory, and quality control procedures of the firm as the Director of the Division of Registration and Inspections or the Board determines.

Rule 4002. Special Inspections

In performing a special inspection, the staff of the Division of Registration and Inspections and any other person authorized by the Board to participate in the inspection shall take such steps, and perform such procedures, as are necessary or appropriate concerning the issue or issues specified by the Board in connection with its authorization of the special inspection.

Note: Under Section 104(b)(2) of the Act, the Board may authorize a special inspection on its own initiative or at the request of the Commission.

Rule 4003. Frequency of Inspections

During each calendar year, beginning no later than the calendar year following the calendar year in which its application for registration with the Board is approved, a registered public accounting firm that, during the prior calendar year, issued audit reports with