

Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755,
National Science Foundation, 4201
Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 24, 2005, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on August 5, 2005 to: Wayne Z. Trivelpiece, Permit No. 2006-016.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

[FR Doc. 05-16024 Filed 8-11-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7555-01-M

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-301]

Nuclear Management Company, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 225 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-27 issued to Nuclear Management Company, LLC (the licensee), which modified the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), Unit 2, Final Safety Analysis Report to include a reactor vessel head drop accident for operation of the PBNP, Unit 2, located in Two Rivers, WI. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment authorized changes to the design basis and Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) related to a postulated reactor vessel head drop accident in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on May 13, 2005 (70 FR 25621).

For further details with respect to this action see (1) the application for amendment dated April 29, 2005, as supplemented by letters dated May 13, May 19, June 1, June 4, June 9, June 20, and June 23, 2005, (2) Amendment No. 225 to License No. DPR-301, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation dated June 24, 2005. The Commission

made a final no significant hazards consideration determination in its Safety Evaluation dated June 24, 2005. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Harold K. Chernoff,

Sr. Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[FR Doc. E5-4374 Filed 8-11-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA-05-031]

In the Matter of Stanley Pitts; Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC- Licensed Activities (Effective Immediately)

I

Stanley Pitts (Mr. Pitts) was formerly employed as a fully qualified technician and authorized nuclear gauge operator by Professional Inspection and Testing Services, Inc. (Licensee) of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Professional Inspection and Testing Services, Inc., holds License No. 37-28744-01 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to 10 CFR part 30 on August 4, 1999. The license authorized the possession and use of cesium-137 and americium-241 sealed sources to be used in portable gauging devices in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

II

On April 7, 2004, the Licensee reported to the NRC that a Troxler Model 3430 moisture/density gauge (Serial No. 75-5183) containing 9 mCi of cesium-137 and 44 mCi of

americium-241 (NRC-licensed radioactive material) was unaccounted for and considered stolen by an employee/authorized user, (namely, Mr. Pitts) who was performing work at a temporary job site in Prince George's County, Maryland. This nuclear gauge, along with other licensee property, was last known to have been used by Mr. Pitts on March 25, 2004. The gauge was recovered in Bladensburg, Maryland by police on April 15, 2004, in an apartment formerly occupied by Mr. Pitts. Neither the licensee nor the police were able to locate Mr. Pitts and an arrest warrant was issued regarding the theft of company property that belonged to Professional Inspection and Testing Services, Inc. As of the date of this Order, Mr. Pitts remains a fugitive with an outstanding arrest warrant.

The NRC Office of Investigations (OI) conducted an investigation into the reported loss of the nuclear gauge. OI Report No. 1-2004-027 was issued on February 9, 2005. Information developed during that investigation verified that Mr. Pitts was authorized by the Licensee to use their licensed moisture/density gauges until April 2, 2004, when his employment was terminated by the Licensee. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the NRC concluded that Mr. Pitts possessed the nuclear gauge for a period of approximately 13 days after April 2, 2004, when he was no longer employed by the Licensee and was not authorized by the Licensee nor licensed by the NRC as required under 10 CFR part 30. Additionally, Mr. Pitts did not maintain control of the nuclear gauge resulting in the loss of NRC licensed radioactive material in the public domain for approximately twenty-one days.

III

Based on the above, the NRC concludes that Mr. Pitts, a former employee of the Licensee, deliberately violated 10 CFR 30.3 when he apparently had stolen and illegally possessed the portable gauging device containing licensed radioactive material that belonged to Professional Inspection and Testing Services, Inc. 10 CFR 30.3 requires that no person shall manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, or use byproduct material except as authorized in a specific or general license. The NRC must be able to rely on its licensees, and employees of licensees, to comply with NRC requirements, including the requirement that licensed material cannot be acquired, possessed or transferred without a specific or general license. The deliberate violation of 10

CFR 30.3 by Mr. Pitts, as discussed above, has raised serious doubt as to whether he can be relied upon to comply with NRC requirements in the future.

Consequently, I lack the requisite reasonable assurance that licensed activities can be conducted in compliance with the Commission's requirements and that the health and safety of the public will be protected if Mr. Pitts were permitted at this time to be involved in NRC-licensed activities. Therefore, the public health, safety and interest require that Mr. Pitts be prohibited from any involvement in NRC-licensed activities for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order. Furthermore, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, I find that the significance of Mr. Pitts's conduct described above is such that the public health, safety and interest require that this Order be immediately effective.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 81, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, 10 CFR 30.10, and 10 CFR 150.20, *it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:*

1. Stanley Pitts is prohibited for five (5) years from the date of this Order from engaging in NRC-licensed activities. NRC-licensed activities are those activities that are conducted pursuant to a specific or general license issued by the NRC, including, but not limited to, those activities of Agreement State licensees conducted pursuant to the authority granted by 10 CFR 150.20.
2. If Mr. Pitts is currently involved in NRC-licensed activities, he must immediately cease those activities, and inform the NRC of the name, address and telephone number of the employer, and provide a copy of this order to the employer.

3. Subsequent to expiration of the five year prohibition, Mr. Stanley Pitts shall, for the next five years and within 20 days of acceptance of his first employment offer involving NRC-licensed activities or his becoming involved in NRC-licensed activities, as defined in Paragraph IV.1 above, provide notice to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, of the name, address, and telephone number of the employer or entity where he is, or will be, involved in the NRC-licensed activities. In the notification, Stanley Pitts shall include a statement of his commitment to compliance with regulatory requirements and the basis why the Commission should have

confidence that he will now comply with applicable NRC requirements.

The Director, Office of Enforcement, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Mr. Pitts of good cause.

V

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, Stanley Pitts must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 20 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically admit or deny each allegation or charge made in this Order and shall set forth the matters of fact and law on which Mr. Pitts or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued. Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and to Mr. Pitts if the answer or hearing request is by a person other than Mr. Pitts. Because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that answers and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and also to the Office of the General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. If a person other than Mr. Pitts requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.309.

If a hearing is requested by Mr. Pitts or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(I), Mr. Pitts, may, in addition to demanding a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this order.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2005.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin J. Virgilio,

Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research, State and Compliance Programs.
[FR Doc. E5-4373 Filed 8-11-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-05626]

Notice of Environmental Assessment Related to the Issuance of a License Amendment to Byproduct Material License No. 34-00507-16, for the National Aeronautics And Space Administration, Cleveland, OH

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for license amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George M. McCann, Senior Health Physicist, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region III, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2443 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352; telephone: (630) 829-9856; or by e-mail at gmm@nrc.gov.