

likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the sessions on November 15, 2007 will be as follows:

#### Committee Meetings

##### Open to the Public

##### Policy Discussion

2–3 p.m.

Challenge Grants/Public Programs—Room 420

Education Programs—Room M-07

Federal/State Partnership—Room 510A

Preservation and Access—Room 415

Research Programs—Room 315.

##### Closed to the Public

Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council.

3 p.m. until Adjourned

Challenge Grants/Public Programs—Room 420

Education Programs—Room M-07

Federal/State Partnership—Room 510A

Preservation and Access—Room 415

Research Programs—Room 315

The morning session of the meeting on November 16, 2007 will convene at 9 a.m., in the first floor Council Room M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B. Reports

1. Introductory Remarks

2. Staff Report

3. Congressional Report

4. Reports on Policy and General Matters

a. Challenge Grants

b. Public Programs

c. Education Programs

d. Federal/State Partnership

e. Preservation and Access

f. Research Programs

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and will be closed to the public for the reasons stated above.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Heather Gottry, Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, or by calling (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282.

Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

**Heather C. Gottry,**

*Acting Advisory Committee, Management Officer.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 30, 2007. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows: 1. *Applicant: Permit Application No.: 2008-030.* Christopher Linder, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, 7328 24th Avenue, NE., Seattle, WA 98115.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Cape Crozier (ASP #124), Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASP #157), and Cape Royds (ASP #121) for the purpose of videotaping scientific research with penguins as part of an International Polar Year (IPY) education and outreach project, "Live from the Poles". Live from the Poles will help heighten public awareness during IPY by bringing cutting-edge science to diverse, worldwide audiences of students, teachers, and the public.

*Location:* Cape Crozier (ASP #124), Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASP #157), and Cape Royds (ASP #121).

*Dates:* November 24, 2007 to January 13, 2008.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499; License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80]

##### In the Matter of NRG South Texas LP, STP Nuclear Operating Company, (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Indirect Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses

#### I

NRG South Texas LP (NRG South Texas) is a co-holder of the Facility Operating Licenses numbered NPF-76 and NPF-80, which authorize the possession, use, and operation of South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, respectively. The facilities are located in southwest Matagorda County, Texas, which is approximately 12 miles south-southwest of Bay City and 10 miles north of Matagorda Bay. STP is jointly owned by three entities: NRG South Texas, 44 percent; City of Public Service Board of San Antonio, 40 percent; and City of Austin, Texas, 16 percent. In addition, these entities each hold a corresponding percentage interest in STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), which operates STP.

#### II

By application dated May 3, 2007, as supplemented by electronic mail dated June 28, 2007, and letters dated July 23 and October 3, 2007, STPNOC, on behalf of NRG Energy, Inc. (NRG Energy), and NRG South Texas LP, requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC,

Commission), pursuant to Section 50.80 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), consent to the proposed indirect transfer of control of the STP licenses to the extent held by NRG South Texas with respect to its ownership interest in STP. Currently, NRG Energy is the indirect owner of 100 percent of NRG South Texas. Under a proposed corporate restructuring, a new holding company, NRG Holdings, Inc., will be created. NRG Energy will become a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of NRG Holdings, Inc. Accordingly, NRG Holdings, Inc. will acquire indirect control of the licenses for STP to the extent currently held by NRG South Texas. In addition, NRG Holdings, Inc. will become an indirect co-owner of STPNOC, with respect to the interest in STPNOC currently held by NRG South Texas. To the extent the proposed corporate restructuring would thus result in the indirect transfer of control of the STP licenses as held by STPNOC, prior NRC consent was also requested.

Notice of the requests for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2007 (72 FR 37546). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80(a), no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application as supplemented and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations and agreements in the application as supplemented, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed indirect transfer of control of NRG South Texas to NRG Holdings, Inc. as described herein will not affect the qualifications of NRG South Texas as holder of the STP licenses to the extent now held by it, and that the indirect transfer of control of the licenses, to the extent effected by the proposed transaction described in the application, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the NRC pursuant thereto. The NRC staff further concludes that, to the extent the proposed indirect transfer of control of NRG South Texas would result in an indirect transfer of control of the STP licenses as held by STPNOC, such proposed indirect transfer of control of NRG South Texas will not affect the qualifications of STPNOC to hold the STP licenses, and such indirect transfer of control of the licenses as held by STPNOC is otherwise consistent with

applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

The findings set forth above are supported by a safety evaluation dated October 22, 2007.

### III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the indirect license transfers related to the proposed establishment of NRG Holdings, Inc. is approved, subject to the following condition:

Should the indirect transfer of control of NRG South Texas to NRG Holdings, Inc. not be completed within one year from the date of this Order, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon written application and good cause shown, such date may be extended by order.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the application dated May 3, 2007, and supplemental electronic mail dated June 28, 2007, and letters dated July 23 and October 3, 2007, and the safety evaluation dated October 22, 2007, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland and accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 22nd day of October, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Catherine Haney,**

*Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-9027]

### Notice of Issuance of Decommissioning Amendment for Cabot Corporation

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved the Cabot Corporation (Cabot) decommissioning plan (DP) for the Reading site by amendment to their Source Material License, SMC-1562.

The Reading site is located in Reading, PA, near the Buttonwood Street bridge. The site operated intermittently between April 1967 and May 1969 for the production of niobium by extraction from tin slag feedstock. The main processing building was removed from the license in August 1995 by license amendment.

The licensee first submitted a DP for the Reading site on August 28, 1998 (Accession No. 9809140068). The submittal was revised in March 2000 to reflect revised dose modeling scenarios and in June 2005 (ML051330369, ML051330364) to incorporate a rip-rap erosion barrier. Revision 3 to the DP was submitted later in June 2005, to reflect changes to the rip-rap design after licensee consultation with the City of Reading Redevelopment Authority (ML053560277).

The licensee submitted revision 4 of the Reading site DP and related documents to the NRC for review and approval in August 2006, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession numbers ML062360159, ML062360164, and ML062210261) as supplemented on September 21, 2006 (ADAMS accession number ML062640081). This amendment revised the rip-rap cover design and include cover design analysis. An environmental assessment was completed on October 16, 2007 (ML072390296). The NRC approved the DP by Amendment No. 9 to the Source Material License SMC-1562 on October 24, 2007.

A "Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Cabot Performance Materials, Reading, Pennsylvania, Site, and Opportunity for a Hearing" was published in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 1998 (63 FR 57715). Two parties requested hearings; Jobert Trucking and the City of Reading Redevelopment Authority. Jobert Trucking was denied standing by the court on May 16, 2000 (ADAMS ML003715331) and the Redevelopment Authority request to withdraw hearing