

p.m. The teleconference will be held in Room 726 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of application evaluation, under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the Agency by grant applicants.

In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of June 22, 1995, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: March 17, 1997.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Anthropological, Geographic Sciences; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following six meetings.

Name: Advisory Panel for Anthropological and Geographic Sciences (#1757).

Date and Time: April 6-7, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Opryland Hotel, 2800 Opryland Drive, Room Bell-Mead B, Nashville, TN 37214.

Contact Person: Dr. John E. Yellen, Program Director for Archaeology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Archaeology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: May 9, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. John E. Yellen, Program Director for Archaeology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1759.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Archaeometry proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: April 21, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Dennis O'Rourke, Program Director for Physical Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1758.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Physical Anthropology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: April 10-11, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Stuart Plattner, Program Director for Cultural Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1758.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Cultural Anthropology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: April 4, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 320, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Stuart Plattner, Program Director for Cultural Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1758.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Cultural Anthropology Dissertation proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: April 14-15, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 920 and 1060, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. James W. Harrington, or Thomas Leinbach, Program Directors for Geography, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1754.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Geography proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: May 5-6, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 365.

Contact Person: Dr. James W. Harrington, or Thomas Leinbach, Program Directors for Geography, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1754.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Geography Dissertation proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Type of Meetings: Closed

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5

U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 17, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8964]

Notice of Receipt and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; Rio Algom Mining Corp.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of receipt and notice of opportunity for hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Rio Algom has requested U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval for renewal of license SUA-1548 for the Smith Ranch Uranium Project as a performance based license. Rio Algom's request was transmitted to NRC by letter dated February 12, 1997. The NRC staff is in the process of reviewing the request.

Rio Algom's letter requesting the proposed action, and the accompanying supporting information, are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Robert Tinsley, Uranium Recovery Branch, Mail Stop TWFN 7-J9, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone 301/415-6251.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The Commission hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a licensing action falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings, of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2" (54 FR 8269). Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing. In accordance with § 2.1205(c), a request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The applicant, Rio Algom Mining Corp., P.O. Box 1390, Glenrock, Wyoming 82637;

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director of Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) the requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of March, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph J. Holonich,

Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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[Docket No. 40-8968]

Hydro Resources, Inc.; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in cooperation with

the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), has published a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) regarding the proposed construction and operation of an in-situ leach (ISL) project in McKinley County, New Mexico. This FEIS describes and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of granting Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI) a combined source and 11(e)2 byproduct material license and minerals operating leases for Federal and Indian lands for the ISL project. The FEIS concludes, after reviewing the technical and environmental aspects of the proposed project, and evaluating other associated costs and benefits of the project, that the appropriate action is to issue the requested license and leases authorizing the applicant to proceed with the project as discussed in this FEIS.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this FEIS (NUREG-1508) may be requested by members of the public by writing to the NRC Publications Section, ATTN: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082. A copy is also available for inspection and/or copying in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L St. NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert D. Carlson, Project Manager, Uranium Recovery Branch, Mail Stop TWFN 7-J9, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-8165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC, in cooperation with BLM and BIA, has prepared an FEIS regarding the administrative action of authorizing HRI to conduct ISL uranium mining, also known as solution mining, in conjunction with a combined source and 11(e)2 byproduct material license issued by the NRC, and minerals operating leases issued for Federal and Indian lands by BLM and BIA. The license and leases would provide programmatic and regulatory oversight in administrative matters; impose operating restrictions; and specify monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting requirements.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed action was prepared by an interagency review group comprising staff from the NRC, BLM, and BIA, which was published for comment in October 1994. After evaluating the environmental impacts of the proposed action in the DEIS, the reviewing agencies concluded

that the appropriate action was to issue the requested license and proposed leases authorizing HRI to proceed with the project. The FEIS reevaluates the proposed licensing action on the basis of written and oral comments received by NRC on the DEIS, and on additional information obtained in 1995 and 1996 from the applicant. The FEIS describes the evaluation conducted by the interagency review group concerning (1) the purpose of and need for the proposed action, evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, and the cooperating agencies' implementing regulations; (2) alternatives to the proposed action; (3) the environmental resources that could be affected by the proposed action and alternatives; (4) the potential environmental consequences of the proposed action and alternatives; and (5) the economic costs and benefits associated with the proposed action.

The FEIS evaluates four alternatives. Under Alternative 1 (the proposed action), the NRC would issue HRI a license for the construction and operation of facilities for ISL uranium mining and processing at the Church Rock, Unit 1, and Crownpoint sites as proposed by HRI in its license application and related submittals. Under Alternative 2 (modified action), the NRC would issue HRI a license for the construction and operation of facilities for ISL uranium mining and processing as proposed by HRI, but at alternative sites and/or using alternative liquid waste disposal methods. Under Alternative 3 (the NRC staff-recommended action), the NRC would issue HRI a license for the construction and operation of facilities for ISL uranium mining and processing as proposed by HRI, but with additional measures required and recommended by NRC staff to protect public health and safety, and the environment. Under Alternative 4 (no action), the NRC would not issue HRI a license for the construction and operation of facilities for ISL uranium mining and processing at Church Rock, Unit 1, or Crownpoint sites.

On the basis of its independent review, the NRC staff concludes that the potential impacts of the proposed project can be mitigated, and that HRI should be issued a combined source and 11e(2) byproduct material license from NRC, and minerals operating leases from BLM and BIA. However, the license and leases should be conditioned on the commitments made by HRI in its license application and related submittals, and the various NRC staff mitigation requirements and recommendations discussed in the FEIS.