

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that an amendment to the previously entered consent decree in *United States v. Reynolds Metals Co. and Westvaco Corp.*, Civil Action No. 3:97-CV-226 (E.D. Va.) was lodged with the court on February 27, 1998.

The proposed amendment to the previous decree resolves the claims of the United States against J.W. Fergusson and Sons, Inc. under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, for past response costs and certain response actions at the HH Burn Pit Superfund Site in Hanover County, Virginia. The decree obligates the Settling Defendant to reimburse \$175,000 of the United States' past response costs and to join with two parties who settled previously to perform the remedial action the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has selected for the site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Reynolds Metals Co. and Westvaco Corp.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-1408.

The proposed amendment to consent decree may be examined at the United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$3.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 98-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories Standard 29 CFR 1910.1450. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addresses section of this notice. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by May 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 98-8, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrian Corsey, Directorate of Health Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3718, telephone (202) 219-7075. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Adrian Corsey at (202) 219-7075 extension 105 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on standards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories standard and its information collection requirements provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories. The standard requires that employers establish a Chemical Hygiene Plan, including exposure monitoring and medical records. These records are used by employees, physicians, employers and OSHA to determine the effectiveness of the employers' compliance efforts. Also the standard requires that OSHA have access to various records to ensure that employers are complying with the disclosure provisions.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories 29 CFR 1910.1450.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0131.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal government, State and Local governments.

Total Respondents: 34,214.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 306,909.

Average Time per Response: Ranges from 5 minutes to make records available to 1.75 hours for an employee to have a consultation and a medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 96,571.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total initial annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$10,568,950.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be submitted and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of March, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 1998.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Request from Three (3) Federal Credit Unions to Convert to Community Charters.
2. Request from a Credit Union to Convert Insurance.
3. Request from a Corporate Federal Credit Union for a Field of Membership Amendment.
4. Request from a Corporate Federal Credit Union for a Waiver from Part 704 and a Field of Membership Amendment.
5. Final Amendments to Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement (IRPS) 94-1, (Chartering Manual).
6. Final Rule: Amendments to Part 792, Subpart A, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Procedures for Processing Freedom of Information Act Requests for NCUA Records.
7. Final Rule: Amendments to Part 723, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Member Business Loans.

RECESS: 11:15 a.m.

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 1998.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Three (3) Administrative Actions under Part 704 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).
2. One Administrative Action under Part 741, NCUA's Rules and

Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).

3. Three (3) Personnel Actions. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-298]

Nebraska Public Power District, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46, issued to the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD or the licensee), for operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS), located in Nemaha County, Nebraska.

The proposed amendment, requested by the licensee in a letter dated March 27, 1997, would represent a full conversion from the current Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based on NUREG-1433, "Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric Plants, BWR/4," Revision 1, dated April 1995. NUREG-1433 has been developed through working groups composed of both NRC staff members and industry representatives and has been endorsed by the staff as part of an industry-wide initiative to standardize and improve the TS. As part of this submittal, the licensee has applied the criteria contained in the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors (Final Policy Statement)," published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), to the current CNS TS, and, using NUREG-1433 as a basis, developed a proposed set of improved TS for CNS. The criteria in the Final Policy Statement were subsequently added to 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications," in a rule change that was published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953) and became effective on August 18, 1995.

The licensee has categorized the proposed changes to the existing TS into four general groupings. These groupings are characterized as administrative changes, relocated changes, more

restrictive changes and less restrictive changes.

Administrative changes are those that involve restructuring, renumbering, rewording, interpretation and complex rearranging of requirements and other changes not affecting technical content or substantially revising an operating requirement. The reformatting, renumbering and rewording process reflects the attributes of NUREG-1433 and does not involve technical changes to the existing TS. The proposed changes include: (a) Providing the appropriate numbers, etc., for NUREG-1433 bracketed information (information that must be supplied on a plant specific basis, and which may change from plant to plant), (b) identifying plant-specific wording for system names, etc., and (c) changing NUREG-1433 section wording to conform to existing licensee practices. Such changes are administrative in nature and do not impact initiators of analyzed events or assumed mitigation of accident or transient events.

Relocated changes are those involving relocation of requirements and surveillances for structures, systems, components, or variables that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in TS. Relocated changes are those current TS requirements that do not satisfy or fall within any of the four criteria specified in the Commission's policy statement and may be relocated to appropriate licensee-controlled documents.

The licensee's application of the screening criteria is described in Volume 1 of its March 27, 1997, submittal, which is entitled, "Application of Selection Criteria to the Cooper Nuclear Station Technical Specifications." The affected structures, systems, components or variables are not assumed to be initiators of analyzed events and are not assumed to mitigate accident or transient events. The requirements and surveillances for these affected structures, systems, components, or variables will be relocated from the TS to administratively controlled documents such as the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR), the TS BASES, The Technical Requirements Manual (TRM), the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), the Offsite Dose Assessment Manual (ODAM), the Inservice Testing (IST) Program, or other licensee-controlled documents. Changes made to these documents will be made pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59 or other appropriate control mechanisms. In addition the affected structures, systems, components, or variables are addressed in existing surveillance procedures that are also subject to 10 CFR 50.59. These