

intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Mr. John R. McPhail, Nebraska Public Power District, Post Office Box 499, Columbus, NE 68602-0499, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

If a request for a hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendment after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of its proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 27, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Auburn Memorial Library, 1810 Courthouse Avenue, Auburn, NE 68305.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James R. Hall,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 040-07924]

Schott Glass Technologies, Inc., License Termination Request, Opportunity for Hearing and Notification of Public Meeting on Licensee's Termination Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of intent to terminate the NRC license for the Schott Glass Technologies, Inc. (Schott) facility located in Duryea, Pennsylvania, notice of a public meeting, and notice of opportunity for a hearing for release of the site for unrestricted use.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering granting the license termination for Source Material License No. STB-988, requested by Schott Glass Technologies, Inc. (the licensee), Duryea, Pennsylvania. The NRC has determined that remediation of residual radioactive contamination, as a result of past operations with NRC licensed material in buildings and in exterior areas on the site, has successfully been completed and the facility meets the NRC Criteria for release for unrestricted use, which were identified in the "Action Plan to Ensure Timely Cleanup of Site Decommissioning Management Plan Sites" (57 FR 13389-13392, April 16, 1992).

The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity to meet with the NRC staff to discuss the following: (1) The licensee's site remediation actions and final status survey; (2) the NRC confirmatory inspections including independent sampling; and (3) the proposed action to terminate the license and remove the site from the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP). The meeting will be held on March 23, 1998, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Victoria Inns located on Route 315, in Pittston Township, Pennsylvania.

Waste glass materials from manufacturing glass, including thoriated glass, which contained thorium concentrations that met the NRC definition of source material, were placed in a parabolic-shaped landfill area on the licensee's property from 1969 until 1980. Based on the licensee's site characterization data, the thoriated glass volume is approximately 0.01% of the fill area. Fixed residual contamination was also identified in localized areas where the thorium had been stored and processed in the manufacturing building. Schott's current NRC license authorized

possession of this glass and residual contamination incident to decommissioning only. By letter dated January 22, 1997, Schott informed NRC that it had completed the final decommissioning survey of the buildings and loading dock, and multi-layered cap of the fill area at their facility located in Duryea. Additional information in response to the NRC review of this termination request was submitted on March 31, 1997, November 25, 1997, and January 21, 1998. Based upon the licensee completing the required remediation actions as represented in the above documents and the NRC confirmatory inspection report dated March 26, 1997, NRC concluded that the facility meets the NRC guidance for releasing the site for unrestricted use. Notwithstanding, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) required some land-use restrictions as a condition of approval of the waste management plan to address the non-radiological hazardous materials that are regulated by PADEP.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a license amendment falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR part 2. 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 of 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 Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or
2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC'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).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The licensee, Schott Glass Technologies, Inc., Attention: Thomas McDonald, Manager, Environmental and Safety, 400 York Avenue, Duryea, Pennsylvania 18642; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738 or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

For further details with respect to this action, the application for amendment request is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555 or at NRC's Region I offices located at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Persons desiring to review documents at the Region I Office should call Ms. Sheryl Villar at (610) 337-5239 several days in advance to assure that the documents will be readily available for review.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania this 6th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

A. Randolph Blough,

Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety Region I.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-029-LA; ASLBP No. 98-736-01-LA]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721 of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding.

Yankee Atomic Electric Company, Yankee Nuclear Power Station

This Board is being established pursuant to the requests for hearing

submitted by petitioners, the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, the Citizens Awareness Network, the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The requests were submitted in response to an amendment request of the Yankee Atomic Electric Company. The NRC has made a proposed determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The amendment considered by the staff is the License Termination Plan for the Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Station submitted for consideration on May 15, 1997. The findings of the staff is published in the **Federal Register** (63 F.R. 4308, 4328).

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

James P. Gleason, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Thomas D. Murphy, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. Thomas S. Elleman, 704 Davidson Street, Raleigh, NC 27609

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with the Judges in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of March 1998.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-20]

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the U.S. Department of Energy To Construct and Operate an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation To Store the Three Mile Island Unit 2 Spent Fuel at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has published a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (NUREG-1626) regarding the U.S. Department Of Energy's (DOE) proposed construction and operation of an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) to store the Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) spent fuel at

the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

As part of its overall spent nuclear fuel (SNF) management program, the DOE has prepared a final programmatic environmental impact statement that provides an overview of the spent fuel management proposed for INEEL, including the construction and operation of the TMI-2 ISFSI (the DOE SNF EIS). In addition, the DOE—Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to describe the environmental impacts associated with the stabilization of the Test Area North (TAN) storage pool and the construction/operation of the ISFSI at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant (ICPP). As provided in NRC's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures outlined in 10 CFR Part 51, Appendix A to Subpart A, a FEIS of another Federal agency may be adopted in whole or in part in accordance with the procedures outlined in 40 CFR 1506.3 of the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). Under 40 CFR 1506.3(b), if the actions covered by the original EIS and the proposed action are substantially the same, the agency adopting another agency's statement is not required to recirculate it except as a final statement.

The NRC has determined that its proposed action of issuing a license authorizing the construction and operation of the TMI-2 ISFSI is substantially the same as actions considered in 2 DOE's environmental documents referenced above and, therefore, has elected to adopt the DOE documents as the NRC FEIS. The NRC staff has independently reviewed the DOE SNF EIS and the DOE-ID EA to determine that they are current and that NRC NEPA procedures have been satisfied. The format used has been to excerpt from the DOE NEPA documents a description of the proposed action, an evaluation of alternative actions, a description of the affected environment, and an evaluation of the impacts of both construction and operation of the ISFSI. The NRC staff concludes that the facility can be constructed and operated with small and acceptable effects on the public and the existing environment at the INEEL.

The FEIS is available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Document Room at the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC and at the Local Reading Room at the INEEL Technical Library, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho.