

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 040-06563]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Mallinckrodt Chemical, Inc. Facility in St. Louis, Missouri, and an Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of a license amendment to Possession Only License No. STB-401 (STB-401), issued to Mallinckrodt Chemical, Inc. (the licensee), to authorize decommissioning of its former Columbian-Tantalum (C-T) processing facility in St. Louis, Missouri.

On November 20, 1997, the licensee submitted Phase I of the C-T facility decommissioning plan (DP) to NRC for review. The Phase I DP summarized the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to remediate the C-T process equipment and buildings, and support buildings at the St. Louis, Missouri facility. Radioactive contamination in the C-T processing facility consists of building rubble and equipment contaminated with U-238, U-235, U-234 (and their progeny Th-230 and Ra-226 and others) and Th-232 (and its progeny Ra-228 and Th-228 and others) resulting from licensed operation that occurred from 1961 to 1985.

The NRC will require the licensee to remediate the C-T processing facility to meet NRC's decommissioning criteria, and during the decommissioning activities, to maintain effluents and doses within NRC requirements and as low as reasonably achievable.

Prior to approving the DP, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment. Approval of the DP will be documented in an amendment to STB-401.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Material 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 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 requester 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 area 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 § 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, Mallinckrodt Chemical Inc., Mallinckrodt & Second Streets, P.O. Box 5439, St. Louis, Missouri Attention: Mr. Robert F. Boland
2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for 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.

For further details with respect to this action, the Phase I DP is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 5th day of January, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of an Expiring Information Collection: Standard Form (SF) 3102

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an expiring information collection. The SF 3102, Designation of Beneficiary, is used by employees and annuitants covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death. Approximately 1,136 SF 3102 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 284 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—John C. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415.

For information regarding administrative coordination—Contact: Cyrus S. Benson, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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