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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40–8971]

U.S. Energy Corporation; Final Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposes to approve the detailed site decommissioning plan submitted by the licensee, U.S. Energy Corporation, for its Green Mountain Ion Exchange facility, and to amend NRC Source Material License SUA–1524 appropriately. An Environmental Assessment was performed by the NRC staff in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. The conclusion of the Environmental Assessment is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed licensing action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James R. Park, 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, D.C. 20555. Telephone 301/415–6699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

U.S. Energy Corporation's (U.S. Energy's) Green Mountain Ion Exchange (GMIX) facility, located near Jeffrey City, Wyoming, is licensed under NRC Source Material License SUA–1524. Under SUA–1524, U.S. Energy is authorized for possession only of those byproduct materials, in the form of wastes and contaminated facilities and equipment, which resulted from previous GMIX operations. By letter dated July 22, 1991, U.S. Energy notified the NRC of its intent to decommission the GMIX facility and to terminate SUA–1524. By letter dated September 17, 1991, the NRC requested U.S. Energy to provide additional information to enable the NRC staff to evaluate the technical adequacy of U.S. Energy's proposed decommissioning plan.

U.S. Energy submitted a final decommissioning plan for the GMIX facility by letters dated September 29, and November 16, 1993. Supplemental data and analyses were provided at NRC staff request in letters dated March 6, May 24, and June 8, 1995.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is approval of U.S. Energy's detailed site decommissioning plan for the GMIX facility and an amendment to SUA–1524 to require U.S. Energy to decommission the facility in accordance with the approved plan.

Need for the Proposed Action

License Condition 13 of SUA–1524 requires U.S. Energy to submit a detailed decommissioning plan to the NRC at least 12 months prior to the planned initiation of final decommissioning activities. By letters dated September 29, and November 16, 1993, U.S. Energy Corporation submitted, for NRC approval, a detailed plan for the decommissioning and reclamation of the GMIX facility. This decommissioning plan discusses the dismantling of contaminated buildings, the clean-up of contaminated soils and ponds at the site, and the disposal of associated wastes.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

Noise and exhaust emissions associated with the small number of earth-moving machines employed in decommissioning activities will be appreciable during the 18 to 24 months U.S. Energy anticipates will be required to complete decommissioning. However, these impacts will be negligible due to the remoteness of the facility (3 persons living within 5 miles of the site). In addition, local wildlife disturbed by the activity will have access to the reclaimed site following the completion of decommissioning.

U.S. Energy will transport contaminated materials (e.g., soils, sludge, pipes, concrete) from the GMIX facility by truck for disposal in the tailings impoundment at Kennecott Uranium Company's (Kennecott's) Sweetwater Uranium Project. The trucks will be covered and will travel a distance of approximately 35 miles along county roads between the two facilities. U.S. Energy commits to following the applicable Federal transportation regulations. Trucks will be monitored for surface contamination and inspected for road worthiness and proper loading prior to departure from the GMIX facility, and the results of the inspections will be documented. If a truck shows surface contamination, it will be decontaminated prior to leaving the restricted area.

In the event of a spill, each truck will contain appropriate equipment and clothing for use by the driver in minimizing dispersal prior to the arrival of U.S. Energy and/or Kennecott personnel who will perform the actual cleanup. In addition, each truck will be equipped with a mobile radio or radiotelephone so that U.S. Energy and/or Kennecott can be informed in the case of an emergency.

Upon arrival at Kennecott, trucks and their contents will be logged and the information recorded. After disposing of their contents in the tailings impoundment, trucks will be reweighed, resurveyed, and decontaminated if necessary, prior to their return to the GMIX facility.

Conclusion

The NRC staff concludes that the activities to be conducted under U.S. Energy's site decommissioning plan will not cause significant environmental impacts.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the NRC staff has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the proposed action would result in a delay in the decommissioning of the GMIX facility and reclamation of the site. This would allow decontaminated soils, sludges, and structures to remain onsite and to continue to pose potential health and safety impacts to the public and the environment.

Since the environmental impacts of the denial alternative are greater than those of the proposed action, there is no need to further evaluate alternatives to the proposed action.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC staff consulted with the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ). In a telephone conversation on February 5, 1996, Mr. Robert Lucht, UIC Program Supervisor, Water Quality Division of the WDEQ, stated that the WDEQ had no objections to the conclusions reached in this Environmental Assessment.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the proposed amendment of NRC Source Material License SUA–1524. On the basis of this assessment, the NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impacts that may result from the proposed action would not be

significant, and therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

The Environmental Assessment and other documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 40–8948]

Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public meeting in Cambridge, Ohio on September 16, 1996 to discuss the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on decommissioning the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC), Cambridge, Ohio facility. NRC announced the availability of the DEIS on July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38789).

The entire meeting will be open to the public. NRC staff and contractors will be available to summarize the DEIS, answer questions related to information presented in the DEIS, and listen to comments to be considered in developing the final environmental impact statement. The primary objective of the meeting is to receive public comments on the DEIS and most of the meeting will be devoted to this objective.

DATE AND ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held on September 16, 1996, from 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, located at 7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Telephone 614/439–7009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Thaggard, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Mail Stop T7D–13, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555–0001. Telephone 301/415–6718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC has prepared a DEIS that evaluates the environmental impacts and alternatives associated with SMC's proposed approach to decommissioning radiologically contaminated waste piles. NRC noticed the availability of the DEIS on July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38789). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency noticed availability of the DEIS (EIS No. 960349) on August 2, 1996 (61 FR 40414). NRC's notice of availability stated that the public comment period on the DEIS would extend 90 days from the date of EPA's notice. Consequently, the comment period on the DEIS will expire on October 31, 1996.

The NRC is offering an opportunity for public review and comment on the DEIS in accordance with NRC requirements in 10 CFR 51.73, 51.74, and 51.117. The DEIS is a preliminary analysis of potential environmental impacts of SMC's proposed approach. NRC will not issue the final EIS until public comments on the DEIS are received and evaluated. Preliminary comments have already been provided to the NRC, which included additional alternatives for consideration. NRC staff will review the comments, conduct any necessary analyses, and make appropriate revisions in developing the final EIS. NRC is arranging this public meeting to provide an overview of the DEIS and an opportunity for the NRC to hear any public comments on the DEIS, including comments on the adequacy of the staff's assessment of the impacts and additional alternatives that deserve consideration.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988; Notice of RRB Records Used in Computer Matching Programs

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

ACTION: Notice of Records Used in Computer Matching Programs Notification to individuals who have received benefits under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, or who may receive or have received benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

SUMMARY: As required by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, the RRB is issuing a public notice of its use and intent to use, in ongoing computer matching programs, certain information obtained from the United States Postal Service (USPS).

The purpose of this notice is to advise individuals who have received benefits under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, or who may receive or have received benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act of the use made by the RRB of this information obtained from USPS by means of a computer match.

DATES: Comments should be received by September 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette Spadavecchia, Bureau of Fiscal Operations, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092, telephone number (312) 751–4380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under certain circumstances, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100–503, requires a Federal agency participating in a computer matching program to publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the establishment of that matching program. Such a notice must include information in the following first five categories:

Name of participating agencies: The Railroad Retirement Board and the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Purpose of the match: To identify postal employees who may owe delinquent debts to the Federal government under certain programs administered by the RRB, and to collect those debts by salary offset under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 when voluntary repayment is not made.

Authority for conducting the Match: 39 U.S.C. 404 (Postal Reorganization Act) and 5 U.S.C. 5514 (Debt Collection Act of 1982)

Categories of records and individuals covered: USPS employee data records within Privacy Act System 050.020, identified as Finance Records—Payroll System (57 FR 57515) and RRB records from its Privacy Act System RRB 42—Uncollectible Benefit Overpayment Accounts (56 FR 182)

Inclusive dates of the matching program: The life of this agreement is 18 months, unless terminated earlier by either party. It will begin the later of the following: 30 days from the publication of this Federal Register notice or 40 days from the date the required package of documents is sent to OMB and the