

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 Jay E. Silberg, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, 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).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 4, 1996, as supplemented March 27, June 9, June 18, July 21, August 14, August 19, September 10, October 6, October 20, October 23, November 5, 1997, and January 12 and January 28, 1998, 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 Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-220]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is permitting the withdrawal of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (the licensee) application of September 26, 1996, regarding the proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, located in Oswego County, New York.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical

specifications by adding Specification 3.7.2/4.7.2, "Special Test Exception—System Leakage and Hydrostatic Testing."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 1996 (61 FR 59248). However, by letter dated February 2, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 26, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated May 6, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated February 2, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are 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 Reference and Documents Department, Penfield Library, State University of New York, Oswego, New York 13126.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 30-5897]

Applications, Hearings, Determinations, etc.: Phillip's Research Center's Radiation Laboratory; Bartlesville, OK

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request for decommissioning the Phillip's Research Center's Radiation Laboratory in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and opportunity for a hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to Byproduct Material License No. 35-00313-03, issued to the Phillips Petroleum Company (Phillips), to authorize decommissioning of portions of its facility at Phillip's Research Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Phillips is currently authorized by the NRC to perform activities with licensed radioactive material at its Phillip's

Research Center and plans to continue licensed operations at this site.

On November 12, 1996, Phillips notified NRC of its intent to cease principal activities permanently at the Radiation Laboratory. The licensee has been decommissioning the Radiation Laboratory at the Bartlesville facility in accordance with the conditions discussed in License No. 35-00313-03. On April 7, 1997, the licensee submitted a site decommissioning plan (SDP) to NRC for review that summarized the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to remediate the Radiation Laboratory, and release it from radiological controls and licensing restrictions so that the building debris can be disposed in an industrial landfill. Radioactive contamination at the licensee's Radiation Laboratory facility discussed in the SDP consists of soils and building rubble contaminated with tritium resulting from licensed operations that occurred from 1960 until 1996. Because Phillips is actively performing work under their current license, they are not requesting unrestricted release of the entire site at the Phillip's Research Center, nor termination of the license.

Phillips requested NRC approval of site specific decommissioning criteria for tritium. The NRC will review the licensee's request for elevated release criteria for tritium. During decommissioning activities, the NRC will require the licensee to maintain effluents and doses within NRC requirements and as low as reasonably achievable.

Prior to approving the decommissioning plan, 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 SDP will be documented in an amendment to License No. 35-00313-03.

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 Materials 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(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the publication of this **Federal Register** notice.