

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Drug Enforcement Administration****Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application**

Pursuant to section 1301.33(a) of title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on October 19, 1999, Norac Company, Inc., 405 S. Motor Avenue, Azusa, California 91702, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk of manufacturer of tetrahydrocannabinols (7370), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule I.

The firm plans to manufacture medication for the treatment of AIDS wasting syndrome and as an antiemetic.

And other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substance may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than April 3, 2000.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Immigration and Naturalization Service**

[INS No. 2033-99]

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Implementation of Operation Rio Grande for the United States Border Patrol, McAllen, TX**

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

**SUMMARY:****Proposed Action**

In furtherance of its mission to gain and maintain control of the border, in August 1997, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), U.S.

Border Patrol, McAllen, Texas, implemented Operation Rio Grande to prevent illegal entry and drug trafficking along the Rio Grande corridor between the United States and Mexico.

Operation Rio Grande involves five project actions within the Border Patrol Stations of Rio Grande City, McAllen, Mercedes, Harlingen, Brownsville, and Port Isabel. Specifically, the project will enhance the mission of the U.S. Border Patrol along the Rio Grande corridor fencing, lighting, boat ramps, road improvements, and remote video surveillance systems.

These actions are intended to reduce, detect, and deter the influx of illegal entry and drugs into the McAllen Sector, especially into nearby towns, as well as to increase apprehensions, increase community safety, and provide increased safety of operations for agents. Also, this initiative will help reduce the risk of drowning as undocumented aliens attempt to swim across the river and irrigation canals.

In February 1998, the INS began to conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding Operation Rio Grande and in October 1998, a Draft EA was released for public comment. Due to the public's concerns regarding Operation Rio Grande's impacts to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, the INS agreed to prepare an environmental Impact Statement.

**Alternatives**

In developing the DEIS, the options of no action and alternatives for Operation Rio Grande will be fully and thoroughly examined.

**Scoping Process**

During the preparation of the DEIS, there will be numerous opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. A scoping meeting will be held at a location convenient to the citizens of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The meeting will be well publicized and held at a time which will make it possible for the public and interested agencies or organizations to attend. In addition, a number of informal meetings have already been held and will be continued by representatives of the INS with interested community leaders, officials, and citizens.

**DEIS Preparation**

Public notice will be given in the **Federal Register** concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manny Rodriguez, Chief Policy and Planning, Immigration and

Naturalization Service, Facilities and Engineering Division, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20536, Room 2060, Attn: Debra Hood, Telephone: 202-353-4386, or Eric Verwers, INS Architect and Engineering Resource Center, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300, Telephone: 817-978-0202.

Dated: January 18, 2000.

**Doris Meissner,**

*Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

[Docket No. 50-271]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 issued to Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station located in Vernon, Vermont.

The proposed amendment would redefine the functional testing criteria for the noble gas activity monitor instrumentation in the Augmented Off-Gas (AOG) system.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its