

application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

### 1. Applicant

[Permit Application No. 2004-011]

William Gilmore, Environmental Manager, Raytheon Polar Services Company, 7400 South Tucson, MS29, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

#### *Activity for Which Permit is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter the Cape Crozier Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA #124) to remove debris collected from the old campsite last season. In addition, the application plans annual visits to the campsite at Cape Crozier to conduct an Environmental Field Camp audit and document the camp's environmental footprint, as well as compliance with applicable waste and environmental, health and safety protocols. Each season audits are conducted to ensure that research activities comply with environmental impact assessment requirements.

#### *Location*

ASPA #124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island.

#### *Dates*

October 1, 2003 to February 28, 2007.

### 2. Applicant

[Permit Application No. 2004-012]

David Caron, 3616 Trousdale Parkway, AHF 301, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0371.

#### *Activity for Which Permit is Requested*

Introduction of a non-indigenous plant and importation into the U.S. The applicant proposes to introduce cultures of marine phytoplankton to Antarctica for use in various shipboard experiments to study the feeding rates of Antarctic protistan grazers. There will be no live release of any cultures into Antarctic waters or onto the continent. In addition, the applicant proposes to collect water samples containing marine phytoplankton and microscopic zooplankton for use in experiments, for preservation for future examination, and for developing new cultures. These samples will be transported back to the United States for further study.

#### *Location*

At sea in Antarctic waters.

#### *Dates*

October 20, 2003 to December 20, 2003.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-06563]

### Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request Mallinckrodt Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and Opportunity for Providing Comments and Requesting a Hearing

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of consideration of amendment request for partial decommissioning and opportunity to provide comments and request a hearing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John T. Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607, fax number (301) 415-5398.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of a license amendment to Possession Only License No. STB-401, issued to Mallinckrodt Inc., (Mallinckrodt or the licensee), to authorize Phase 2 decommissioning of its former

Columbium-Tantalum (C-T) processing facility in St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 14, 2003, the licensee submitted the C-T Phase 2 Decommissioning Plan (DP) to NRC for review. The Phase 2 DP summarizes the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to remediate the C-T process building slabs, sewerage, wastewater neutralization basins, and soil affected by C-T processing at the St. Louis, Missouri facility. Radioactive contamination in the soil and debris exists in the form of 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. An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to Mallinckrodt dated July 29, 2003, found the DP acceptable to begin a technical review.

If the NRC approves the Phase 2 DP, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. STB-401. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the 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.

##### **II. Opportunity to Provide Comments**

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1405, the NRC is providing notice to individuals in the vicinity of the site that the NRC is in receipt of a DP, and will accept comments concerning this decommissioning proposal and its associated environmental impacts. Comments with respect to this action should be provided in writing within 30 days of this notice and addressed to John T. Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607, fax number (301) 415-5398, e-mail: [JTB@NRC.gov](mailto:JTB@NRC.gov).

Comments received after 30 days will be considered if practicable to do so, but only those comments received on or before the due date can be assured consideration.

### III. Opportunity to Request a Hearing

NRC also provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for an 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. Whether or not a person has or intends to provide comments as set out in section II above, 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 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 Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays; or
2. By mail, telegram, or facsimile (301-415-1101) addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Because of continuing disruptions in the delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that requests for hearing also be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101, or by e-mail to [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov).

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

1. The applicant, Mallinckrodt Inc., Mallinckrodt and Second Streets, P.O. Box 5439, St. Louis, MO 63147, Attention: Mr. Mark Puett, and;
2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 7:45 am and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays, or by mail, addressed to General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Because of continuing disruptions in the delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that requests for hearing be also transmitted to the Office of the General Counsel, either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415-3725, or by e-mail to [OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov).

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 section 2.1205(h);
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 section 2.1205(d).

### IV. Further Information

The application for the license amendment and supporting documentation are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. The ADAMS Accession No. for the license amendment request and DP is ML032110490.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of August, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Daniel M. Gillen,**

*Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on September 10, 2003, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, September 10, 2003—8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Dr. Richard P. Savio (telephone: 301-415-7363) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

**Sher Bahadur,**

*Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Fire Protection; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Fire Protection will hold a meeting on September 9, 2003, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will discuss 10 CFR 50.48 rulemaking to permit licensees to voluntarily adopt National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants, 2001 Edition," as an alternative to existing fire protection requirements; the staff's approach for resolution of issues related to post-fire safe shutdown circuit analysis; development of fire dynamics tools for inspectors; a proposed rulemaking plan for post-fire operator manual actions; and related matters. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions