

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 40–6622]

Pathfinder Mines Corporation

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Amendment of Source Material License SUA–442 to change three reclamation milestone dates.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has amended Pathfinder Mines Corporation's (PMC's) Source Material License SUA–442 to change three reclamation milestone dates. This amendment was requested by PMC in its letter dated October 29, 1999, and the receipt of the request by NRC was noticed in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1999.

The license amendment modifies License Condition 50 to change completion dates for three site-reclamation milestones. The new dates approved by the NRC extend completion of placement of the interim cover over the tailings pile, completion of placement of the final radon barrier, and completion of placement of the erosion protection cover by two years. PMC attributes the delays to a substantial volume of water still remaining to be evaporated from the tailings system, before an interim cover could be placed. Based on the review of PMC's submittal, the NRC staff concludes that the delays are attributable to factors beyond the control of PMC, the proposed work is scheduled to be completed as expeditiously as practicable, and the added risk to the public health and safety is not significant.

An environmental assessment is not required since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11), and an environmental report from the licensee is not required by 10 CFR 51.60(b)(2).

ADDRESS: PMC's amended license, and the NRC staff's technical evaluation of the amendment request are being made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of February 2000.

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[Docket No. 50–483]

Union Electric Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–30 issued to Union Electric Company (the licensee) for operation of the Callaway Plant, Unit 1 (Callaway) located in Callaway County, Missouri.

The proposed supplemental amendment request dated February 17, 2000, would revise several sections of the Improved Technical Specification (ITSs) to correct 6 editorial errors made in the application dated May 15, 1997, (and supplementary letters) for the ITSs or in the certified copy of the ITSs that was submitted in the licensee's letters of May 27 and 28, 1999. The ITSs were issued by the staff's letter of May 28, 1999, and will be implemented to replace the current TSs by April 30, 2000. The intent of the application is to correct the ITSs before they are implemented. None of the proposed changes alter any of the requirements in the ITSs.

The proposed changes to the ITSs are the following.

(1) The correct word "Dump" will replace the incorrect word "Pump" in the table of contents, on ITS page 3, Section 3.7.4, to state the correct name of the section, "Atmospheric Steam Dump Valves."

(2) Specification 3.1.8 will be added to item a.7 on ITS page 5.0–29 of Section 5.6.5, "CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR)," because this specification also references the shutdown margin in the COLR

(3) The word "BASIS" will be spelled correctly in Section 1.1, "Definitions," for the title of staggered test basis on ITS page 1.1–6.

(4) A period will be added after the B in "B 1.2" to state Required Action B.1.2

for limiting condition for operation (LCO) 3.4.15 on ITS page 3.4–37.

(5) The apostrophe in the acronym MSSV's will be deleted in Condition B of LCO 3.7.1 on ITS page 3.7–1.

(6) The word "subsystems" will be replaced by "subsystem" because the word should not be plural, in Required Action A.2.4 of LCO 3.8.5 on ITS page 3.8–25.

The application of February 17, 2000, is a supplemental letter to the licensee's January 14, 2000, application for corrections to the ITSs. In its letter of January 14, 2000 (ULNRC–04172), the licensee proposed to correct 8 editorial errors made in either (1) the application dated May 15, 1997, (and supplementary letters) for the ITSs, or (2) the certified copy of the ITSs that was submitted in the licensee's letters of May 27 and 28, 1999. The notice of consideration for the application of January 14, 2000, will be published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2000.

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 analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The licensee stated in their supplemental application of February 17, 2000, that the no significant hazards consideration submitted in its original application of January 14, 2000, also applied to the corrections in this supplemental application. The licensee's no significant hazards consideration is presented below:

1. The proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes involve corrections to the ITS that are associated with the original conversion application and supplements or the certified copy of [the] ITS. The changes are considered as administrative changes and do not modify,