

health benefit that might arise as a result of remediation in this area. Also, the level of protection would be equivalent to meeting the soil radium standard, to the extent practicable.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The proposed action is to amend NRC Source Material License SUA-648, for decommissioning of the windblown tailings area and application of alternative criteria (no remediation) for the residual byproduct material in a portion of the East Canyon Creek channel, as requested by Umetco. Therefore, the principal alternatives available to NRC are to:

1. Approve the license amendment request as submitted; or
2. Amend the license with such additional conditions as are considered necessary or appropriate to protect public health and safety and the environment; or
3. Deny the amendment request.

Based on its review, the NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed action do not warrant either the limiting of Umetco's future operations or the denial of the license amendment. Additionally, in the TER prepared for this action, the staff has reviewed the licensee's proposed action with respect to the criteria for reclamation, specified in 10 CFR part 40, appendix A, and has no basis for denial of the proposed action. Therefore, the staff considers that Alternative 1 is the appropriate alternative for selection.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared an EA for the proposed renewal of NRC Source Material License SUA-648. 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 EA and other documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The Commission hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a licensing action falling within the scope of 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operators Licensing Proceedings," of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and

Issuance of Orders. 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 from 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 the Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

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, Umetco Minerals Corporation, PO 1029, Grand Junction, CO 81502;

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the General counsel, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or

(3) By mail addressed to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 2 of the Commission's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor 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 § 2.1205(h);

(3) The requestor's areas 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 § 2.1205(d).

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Philip Ting,

Chief, Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 125th meeting on March 21-23, 2001, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-2B3. The entire meeting will be open to public attendance. The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

A. 8:30-10 a.m.: *Opening Statement/Planning and Procedures* (Open)—The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks. The Committee will then review items under consideration at this meeting and consider topics proposed for future ACNW meetings.

B. 10:15-10:35 a.m.: *DOE's Status Report on Key Technical Issue (KTI) Resolution* (Open)—The Committee will receive an update by a DOE representative as to the current status of the KTI resolution.

C. 10:35-12 Noon: *Key Technical Issues—Vertical Slice Report* (Open)—The Committee members will present a report on their assigned KTIs.

D. 1-2 p.m.: *Partial Release of a Reactor Facility or Site for Unrestricted Use* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the partial release of a reactor facility or site for unrestricted use.

E. 2-3 p.m.: *License Termination Plan Review—Lessons Learned* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding lessons learned from experience with the License Termination Plan.

F. 3:15-5 p.m.: *Commission Meeting Preparation* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the topics scheduled for its March 22, 2001 meeting with the Commission.

G. 5-7 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW reports on Entombment, Partial Release of Reactor Facility or Site for Unrestricted Use, Lessons Learned from Experience with the License

Termination Plan, and High Level Waste Chemistry.

Thursday, March 22, 2001

H. 8:30–8:40 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman* (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

I. 8:40–10 a.m.: *Commission Meeting Preparation* (Open)—The Committee will continue to discuss topics scheduled for its meeting with the Commission on March 22, 2001.

J. 10:30–12 Noon.: *Meeting with the NRC Commissioners* (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners, Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North to discuss ACNW's Integrated Strategy to Evaluate Staff's Overall License Review Capability and Staff's Sufficiency Review of DOE's Site Recommendation Considerations Report (SRCR), and related matters.

K. 1–2:30 p.m.: *Proposed Revisions to 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding proposed revisions to 10 CFR Part 71.

L. 2:45–5:30 P.M.: *ACNW 2001 Action Plan* (Open)—The Committee will finalize the ACNW Action Plan for CY 2001, review its self assessment for the year 2000, and other activities relevant to the conduct of Committee business.

Friday, March 23, 2001

M. 8:30–8:35 A.M.: *Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman* (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

N. 8:35–10 a.m.: *Meeting Reports* (Open)—The Committee will hear reports from the members and staff on meetings attended since the 124th ACNW Meeting, including the Waste Management 2001 Symposium, NWTRB Meeting, and joint meeting of the ACRS/ACNW Subcommittee on integrated safety assessment.

O. 10:15–1 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports.

P. 1–1:30 p.m.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on

October 11, 2000 (65 FR 60475). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Howard J. Larson, ACNW, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Larson as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Howard J. Larson, ACNW (Telephone 301/415–6805), between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301/415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EST at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: February 23, 2001.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy, Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy, Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment will hold a joint meeting on March 16, 2001, 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:

Friday, March 16, 2001—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittees will discuss the status of risk-informed revisions to the technical requirements of 10 CFR 50.46 for emergency core cooling systems. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittees, along with any of their consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr.