

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–334 and 50–412]

Pennsylvania Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the Toledo Edison Company, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 11, 2003, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–66 and NFP–73 for the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS–1 and 2), located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would have revised the BVPS–1 and 2 Technical Specifications (TSs) to include listing of the Westinghouse best-estimate large-break loss-of-cooling accident (LOCA) methodology in TS 6.9.5, “Core Operating Limits Report (COLR),” thereby approving its use in the LOCA accident analysis.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2003 (68 FR 28853). However, by letter dated September 5, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 11, 2003, and the licensee’s letter dated September 5, 2003, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209, or 301–415–4737 or by email to pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of September 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Timothy G. Colburn,
Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 40–2253]

Removal of the GSA Watertown, MA, Property From the Site Decommissioning Management Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of site release and finding of no significant impact.

I. Introduction

This notice is to inform the public that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is releasing the General Services Administration (GSA) Property in Watertown, MA, for unrestricted use and is removing the site from the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) list. The site is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District. The property was formerly a part of the Watertown Arsenal used by the U.S. Army for munitions operations. In 1990, the Commission developed the SDMP program for sites that warranted special attention to ensure timely decommissioning. This list included the GSA Watertown site. Since being placed on the SDMP, large amounts of contaminated soil have been removed from the site. The USACE has supplied, and the Commission has reviewed, site characterization and dose assessment information, and the Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA).

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to release the GSA property in Watertown, MA, for unrestricted use and remove it from the SDMP. The USACE provided a final radiological status survey and performed a site-specific dose analysis to demonstrate the site meets the license termination criteria in subpart E of 10 CFR part 20. In addition, NRC staff conducted independent measurements of residual contamination remaining at the site.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has evaluated the USACE request, has reviewed the

results of the final radiological survey, has performed confirmatory measurements throughout the site property, and has determined that the unrestricted release dose criteria in 10 CFR 20.1402 have been met. On the basis of the Environmental Assessment, the Commission concludes that the site is suitable for release for unrestricted use, and the GSA Watertown, MA, property is being removed from the SDMP. The staff has prepared the attached EA to support the proposed action. The NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impacts from the decision are expected to be insignificant and has determined not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed action.

IV. Further Information

The EA and documents related to the proposed action are available for inspection at NRC’s Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession No. ML032601000). These documents are also available for inspection and copying for a fee at the USNRC Region I Office, 475 Allendale Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Craig Z. Gordon, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Material Safety, USNRC Region I, 475 Allendale Rd., King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, telephone (610) 337–5216, fax (610) 337–5269.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this 18th day of September, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ronald R. Bellamy,
Chief, Decommissioning & Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030–29288]

Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to the License Renewal Request of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Radiation Protection, for the Quehanna Site in Karthaus, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Kottan, Project Manager, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, telephone (610) 337-5214, fax (610) 337-5269 and/or e-mail jjk@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering amending Byproduct Materials License Number 37-17860-02 issued to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Radiation Protection (PADEP, BRP) to authorize the decommissioning of the Quehanna Facility located at 115 Reactor Road, Karthaus, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. In support of this action, the NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51.

In a letter dated February 26, 2003, PADEP, BRP submitted a request to renew Byproduct Materials License Number 37-17860-02, including submittal of a revised decommissioning plan (DP), to obtain authorization to decommission the Quehanna Facility. In subsequent letters dated June 4, 2003, and June 18, 2003, PADEP, BRP provided responses to an NRC request for additional information regarding the DP. The request, currently before the NRC, involves removing the hot cell complex and embedded drain lines at the facility and decontaminating the remaining portions of the facility to meet the unrestricted release criteria.

Based upon the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

II. Summary of EA

An EA has been performed to evaluate the environmental impacts of PADEP, BRP's request for NRC's approval for PADEP, and BRP to decommission the Quehanna Facility. In accordance with the conditions currently described in its license, the licensee has been performing remediation of residual radioactivity from internal building equipment and components. The radioactive contamination at PADEP, BRP's Karthaus, Pennsylvania site consists of building and equipment surfaces contaminated with strontium-90 (Sr-90) from licensed operations that occurred from the late 1950s until 1967.

The hot cell complex at this facility will be removed in order to expose the basement below for decontamination and embedded and buried drain lines

will be removed. The remaining structures will be decontaminated as necessary to meet the unrestricted release criteria, and left in place. PADEP, BRP plans to use dismantlement and deconstruction techniques, such as cutting and drilling in taking the hot cells down. Coring and drilling equipment, back hoes, and mobile cranes will be used to remove/dismantle and to size reduce concrete or concrete masonry unit (CMU) structures. Steel reinforcement bars will be torch-cut, sheared, or saw-cut as required for dismantlement, leveling, or size reduction purposes. Radioactive waste generated as a result of decommissioning activities will be transported offsite by truck for disposal. PADEP, BRP estimates that approximately 300 cubic yards of radioactive waste will leave the site over the duration of the decommissioning project. The duration of the proposed action will be approximately 1.5 years.

The licensee's February 26, 2003, license renewal request was noticed in the **Federal Register** on August 4, 2003 (68 FR 45859). This **Federal Register** notice also provided an opportunity for a hearing on this licensing action.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Pursuant to 10 CFR part 51, NRC has prepared the EA, summarized above. On the basis of the EA, the NRC has concluded that this licensing action would not have any significant effect on the quality of the human environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. NRC believes that the approval of the license renewal will not cause any significant impacts on the human environment and is protective of human health. The NRC staff has concluded that exposures to workers will be low and well within the limits specified in 10 CFR part 20. Decommissioning activities as proposed by the renewal will result in a reduction of radioactive material at the PADEP, BRP site in Karthaus, which will reduce the long term potential for release of radiological contamination to the environment. No radiologically contaminated effluents are expected during hot cell dismantlement and deconstruction and decontamination activities. No radiation exposure to any member of the public is expected, and public exposure will therefore also be less than the applicable public exposure limits of 10 CFR part 20.

IV. Further Information

The EA and the documents related to this proposed action, including 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/reading-rm/adams.html> (Accession Number: ML030800038). These documents are also available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Region I Office, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this 17th day of September, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ronald R. Bellamy,

Chief, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27723]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

September 23, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission under provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by October 17, 2003, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After October 17, 2003 the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Allegheny Energy Inc., et al. (70-10100)

Allegheny Energy Inc. ("Allegheny"), a registered holding company, and Allegheny Energy Supply Company LLC