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Dated at Arlington, Texas this 28th day of June, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 030-30429]**

### **Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for Core Laboratories, Houston, TX**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to Material License No. 42-26928-01 issued to Core Laboratories, Inc., (dba ProTechnics) to authorize the utilization of cesium-137 in quantities in excess of limits listed in 10 CFR 30.71 for well logging activities at temporary job sites where NRC maintains jurisdiction. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The amendment will be issued following the publication of this Notice.

### **II. Environmental Assessment**

#### *Background*

Core Laboratories, Inc., (Core Laboratories) is a well logging licensee based in Houston, Texas, and conducts tracer operations using radioactive materials in oil and natural gas fields worldwide. Core Laboratories is licensed by both the NRC and Agreement States (Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas) to conduct well logging operations.

By letter dated July 14, 1997, Core Laboratories requested that NRC grant an amendment to allow the use of radioactive collar markers containing activities of byproduct material exceeding the limits listed in 10 CFR 30.71. An EA was written and based on the EA, the NRC concluded that a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) was appropriate. The EA and the FONSI were published in the 67 **Federal Register** (FR) 5320, February 5, 2002. On March 9, 2002, Core Laboratories was granted an amendment authorizing an exemption to 10 CFR 30.71. This amendment authorized Core Laboratories to use pipe collar markers containing iridium-192, scandium-46, antimony-124, cobalt-60, and cesium-137 with activities up to 50 micro curies ( $\mu$ Ci).

On February 23, 2004, Core Laboratories requested an amendment to increase the activity of radioactive markers containing cesium-137 from the 50  $\mu$ Ci, previously approved, with activities up to 100  $\mu$ Ci. This 100  $\mu$ Ci activity exceeds the quantities of byproduct material listed for use as pipe

collar markers in oil and gas wells in 10 CFR 39.47, 10 CFR 30.71, and the activities authorized in the March 9, 2002, license amendment to Core Laboratories' byproduct material license. The NRC has reviewed the licensee's amendment request and has developed this EA to assess the environmental consequences of this licensing action using the guidance provided in NUREG-1748, Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs.

#### *Proposed Action*

The proposed action is to amend the license and modify the previous exemption by approving the licensee's request to use radioactive markers containing 100  $\mu$ Ci cesium-137 for use as pipe collar markers in oil and gas wells. This proposed activity exceeds the limits of radioactive markers authorized in 10 CFR 39.47 and 10 CFR 30.71.

The radioactive markers Core Laboratories requested authorization to use in well logging activities are either installed directly in the pipe collars or are placed on the pipe collar threads and secured between the pipe casing joints and are not easily removed. Once installed in a well bore, the pipe casing and collars are cemented into place.

By letter dated July 14, 1997, Core Laboratories in its correspondence to NRC, describes the procedures it will have in place involving the customer or well owner/operator. These procedures state, in part, that the customer or well owner/operator must contact Core Laboratories in the event the radioactive pipe collar markers must be removed. Core Laboratories will be available on site to secure and take possession of the collar markers upon their return to the surface. Additionally, Core Laboratories will provide the customer or well owner/operator a copy of Attachment XII-1 (Core Laboratories' Radioactive Collar Marker Utilization Log) as a written record of the requirement to notify Core Laboratories if markers returned to the surface before a specified date.

#### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is necessary so that Core Laboratories can efficiently carry out its business of well logging in the oil and gas industry. The need for an increase in activity for cesium-137 is due to the heavier density of the materials being used in the well logging application. The higher activity radioactive markers will allow, when logging certain oil and gas wells, for more accurate pipe collar location

measurements for longer periods of time. Radioactive markers with lower activities may result in Core Laboratories having to depend on less accurate pipe collar location measurements when logging oil and gas wells, thereby providing less accurate information to the well owner/operator.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

Core laboratories provided calculations in its November 14, 1997, and February 27, 2004, letters that demonstrated that the 100 millirem in a year or 2 millirem in any one hour limits to a member of the public would not be exceeded at any time while using the pipe collar markers with increased 50 to 100  $\mu$ Ci activities.

There will be no significant environmental impact realized from the proposed action, due to no material being released into the environment and all of the material being wholly contained within the pipe collars. Additionally, the pipe collar markers will be recovered by Core Laboratories should the casing containing the collars be removed from the well bores.

If the collar markers are returned to the surface prior to having decayed to exempt quantity levels specified on Core Laboratories customer agreement, the customer is required to contact Core Laboratories to take possession of the markers. These markers are then removed from the equipment, placed into a lead shield, and then placed into a U.S. Department of Transportation 7A transport container for shipment back to Core Laboratories.

Upon return to the storage facility, the markers are placed into waste storage to await decay or shipment to an authorized recipient for disposal when quantities of waste justifies such a shipment.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

The only alternative to the proposed action of increasing the activity of radioactive markers containing cesium-137 from 50  $\mu$ Ci to 100  $\mu$ Ci is to take no action. The no-action alternative would be to allow the licensee to maintain radioactive marker activities currently authorized in Core Laboratories' NRC license. Again, there will be no significant environmental impact realized from the proposed action or the alternative to the proposed action, due to no material being released into the environment and all of the material being wholly contained within the pipe collars.

On March 9, 2002, Core Laboratories was granted an amendment authorizing

an exemption to 10 CFR 30.71 to use pipe collar markers containing iridium-192, scandium-46, antimony-124, cobalt-60, and cesium-137 with activities up to 50  $\mu$ Ci. An EA was published in the 67 FR 55320, February 5, 2002, and based on the EA the NRC concluded that environmental impacts that would be created by the proposed action would not have a significant effect on the quality of the environment and did not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Accordingly, it was determined that a FONSI was appropriate.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

Since the proposed action occurs downhole in the well bore and results in a permanent installation, the NRC has concluded that there is no potential to affect threatened or endangered species or historic resources. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The NRC staff provided letters to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Agreement States of Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico for their review and comments, in accordance with NUREG-1748, Section 3.3. The Agreement States that were contacted provided no comments. By letter dated March 3, 2005, the EPA responded and recommended that the NRC, as a condition of approving the license amendment, have Core Laboratories provide notice to the Federal or State natural resource agency of which wells have the radioactive collar installed. The NRC staff took this comment into consideration and determined that Core Laboratories already provides notification to agreement states via reciprocity before performing well logging activities in the respective agreement states.

#### *Conclusion*

Based in its review, the NRC staff has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and the preparation of an EIS is not warranted. The staff has determined that the proposed action, approval of the license amendment request to increase the activity of radioactive markers containing cesium-137 from the 50  $\mu$ Ci, to 100  $\mu$ Ci, is the appropriate alternative for selection.

### **III. Finding of No Significant Impact**

The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action complies with 10 CFR Part 20. Exposure to a member of the public would be less than the limits specified in 10 CFR 20.1302. The licensee provided calculations that demonstrated that the 100 millirem in a year or 2 millirem in any one hour could not be exceeded when normal restricted boundaries were established. The NRC staff prepared this EA in support of the proposed action to amend the license. On the basis of this EA, the NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts and the license amendment does not warrant the preparation of an EIS. Accordingly, it has been determined that a FONSI is appropriate.

### **IV. Further Information**

Documents related to this action, including the application for amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are listed below. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

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1. NRC, "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs," NUREG-1748, August 2003. (ML032540811).

2. NRC, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," NUREG-1757, Volume 1, September 2003 (ML032530410).

3. ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories Texas Bureau of Radiation Control License No. L03835, Amendment No. 41, expiration date August 31, 2005 (ML051510390).

4. ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality License No. LA-6678-L01, Amendment No. 17, expiration date October 31, 2004 (ML051510385).

5. ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories New Mexico Radiation Control Bureau License No. WL264-26, expiration date February 28, 2007 (ML051510393).

6. ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories Letter to NRC, February 23, 2004 (ML040580736).

7. ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories Letter to NRC, July 14, 1997 (ML003724357).

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Dated at Arlington, Texas, this 27th day of June, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget announces two meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or “Panel”) established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

**DATES:** There are two meetings announced in this **Federal Register** Notice. A public meeting of the Panel will be held on July 27, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. Pacific Time and ending no later than 5 p.m. A second public meeting of the Panel will be held on August 18, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m.

Eastern Time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The July 27, 2005 meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Conference Room Beacon B, 200 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802. The August 18, 2005 meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Basement auditorium, 801 17th Street NW., Washington DC 20434. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance for each meetings due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public wishing further information concerning these meetings or the Acquisition Advisory Panel itself, or to pre-register for either meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: [laura.auletta@gsa.gov](mailto:laura.auletta@gsa.gov), phone/voice mail (202) 208–7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Ms. Anne Terry, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: [anne.terry@gsa.gov](mailto:anne.terry@gsa.gov), by FAX at 202–501–3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting at which they wish to speak.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background:* The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel’s statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings. Opportunity for public comments will be provided at both meetings. Additional time for oral public comments is expected at future public meetings to be announced in the **Federal Register**.

*July 27, 2005 Meeting*—The working groups, established at previous public meetings of the AAP (see <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> for a list of working groups), will report any significant updates during this meeting, which may include any follow-up recommendations for additional working groups or other issues to be examined. The Panel also expects to

hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the Panel’s statutory charter, including commercial practices and performance-based contracting. In addition to working group reports and invited speakers, the Panel welcomes oral public comments at this meeting and has reserved an estimated one hour for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during either meeting must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above).

*August 18, 2005 Meeting*—In addition to working group reports on any significant updates, the Panel plans to hear invited speakers on a variety of topics related to the Panel’s statutory charter including a discussion group on commercial practices that will cover the use of Time and Material contracting. The Panel also welcomes oral public comments at this meeting and is reserving an estimated one hour for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during either meeting must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see **FOR INFORMATION CONTACT** above).

(b) *Availability of Materials for the Meetings:* Please see the Acquisition Advisory Panel Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas, for these meetings (<http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including “Questions for Government Buying Agencies,” “Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government,” and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled “Proposal for Public Comment.” The Panel asks that the public address any of these questions/issues when presenting either oral public comments or written statements to the Panel. The public may also obtain copies of Initial Working Group Reports presented at the March 30, 2005 public meeting at the Panel’s Web site under “Meeting Materials” at this Web site.

(c) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* It is the policy of the Acquisition Advisory Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. To facilitate Panel discussions at its meetings, the Panel may not accept oral comments at all meetings. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be