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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8767; License No. SUC-1380]

Removal of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant From the Site Decommissioning Management Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of removal from the site decommissioning management plan.

This notice is to inform the public that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is removing the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (LCAAP) from the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP). The SDMP is a program, created by the Commission, to ensure that the NRC focuses special attention on certain sites to ensure timely decommissioning of those sites. LCAAP is one of the sites included in the SDMP.

LCAAP is located in Independence, Missouri. The U.S. Department of the Army (the licensee) is the holder of NRC Materials License SUC–1380, which covers a number of facilities including LCAAP. LCAAP is a facility that was used for the production and testing of munitions containing depleted uranium (DU). LCAAP, in addition to being included in NRC's SDMP, is also included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Superfund Program, the National Contingency Plan.

The licensee recently completed remediation of both the LCAAP 600-Yard Bullet Catcher and the DU contaminated portion of Building 3A. Remediation of the remaining DU contaminated areas will not be completed for a number of years because of both Resource Conservation and Recovery Act related issues and the

continuing use of the LCAAP firing range. EPA, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), NRC, and the licensee agreed that DU remediation for the remaining portions of LCAAP could be regulated under the provisions of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the LCAAP Federal Facility Agreement, and Executive Order 12580. Both EPA and MDNR will provide regulatory oversight of the DU remediation during this period. NRC Material License SUC-1380 will continue to cover LCAAP until DU contamination is remediated. Once a determination is made that the remainder of the DU contamination has been remediated, NRC will review the documentation supporting that determination. In addition, NRC may perform a confirmatory survey. Once NRC agrees with that determination, NRC will remove LCAAP from NRC Materials License SUC-1380. Based on the agreement between the agencies and successful remediation of both the LCAAP 600-Yard Bullet Catcher and Building 3A, NRC has determined that LCAAP no longer requires the special attention associated with the SDMP. Therefore, LCAAP is being removed from the SDMP.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of October 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Stewart Brown**,

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Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1077 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is "Guidelines for

Environmental Qualification of Microprocessor-Based Equipment Important to Safety in Nuclear Power Plants." This draft guide is being developed to provide guidance to licensees and applicants on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for evaluating the environmental qualification procedures for microprocessor-based equipment that is important to safety for service in nuclear power plants.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Comments will be most helpful if received by December 14, 2001.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (http://www.nrc.gov). This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415–5905; email cag@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Ms. C. Antonescu at (301)415–6792; e-mail cea1@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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