

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-34325]

Notice of Environmental Assessment Related to the Approval for the Department of Veterans Affairs To Issue an Amendment to a Materials Permit for the Unrestricted Release of an Illiana Health Care System Facility in Danville, IL

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact for license amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering allowing the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to issue an amendment to a materials permit in accordance with NRC Byproduct Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA. The NRC approval would allow the DVA to authorize the unrestricted release of Building 13 of the DVA's Illiana Health Care System facility at 1900 East Main Street in Danville, Illinois. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the Environmental Assessment, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate. The permit amendment by the DVA will be allowed following the publication of this Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

I. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve DVA's request to issue an amendment to a materials permit to release Building 13 of the DVA's Danville, Illinois facility for unrestricted use in accordance with 10 CFR Part 20, Subpart E. The proposed action is in accordance with the DVA's request to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on November 18, 2005 (ADAMS Accession No. ML053260120), to approve the release of the facility for unrestricted use, and is consistent with the current NRC policy to review all DVA permittee requests for the release of buildings for

unrestricted use where radioactive materials with a half-life greater than 120 days were used. The DVA identified two isotopes of concern with half-lives greater than 120 days that it used in Building 13 of the Danville, Illinois facility: hydrogen-3 and carbon-14. The DVA has been authorized to use byproduct material for medical diagnosis, therapy, and research at Building 13 of the Danville, Illinois facility since 1975.

The DVA conducted surveys of the facility and provided this information to the NRC to demonstrate that the radiological conditions at Building 13 of the Danville, Illinois facility are consistent with radiological criteria for unrestricted use in 10 CFR Part 20, Subpart E. No radiological remediation activities are required to complete the proposed action.

Need for the Proposed Action

The DVA is requesting approval of this permitting action because it no longer plans to use Building 13 of the Danville, Illinois facility for NRC-permitted activities. The NRC is fulfilling its responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act to make a decision on the proposed action for decommissioning that ensures that residual radioactivity is reduced to a level that is protective of the public health and safety and the environment, and allows the DVA to authorize the Danville, Illinois facility to be released for unrestricted use.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC staff reviewed the information provided and surveys performed by the DVA to demonstrate that the release of Building 13 of DVA's Illiana Health Care System facility at 1900 East Main Street in Danville, Illinois, is consistent with the radiological criteria for unrestricted use specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Based on its review, the staff determined that there were no radiological impacts associated with the proposed action because no radiological remediation activities were required to complete the proposed action, and that the radiological criteria for unrestricted use in § 20.1402 have been met.

Based on its review, the staff determined that the radiological environmental impacts from the proposed action for Building 13 of the DVA Illiana Health Care System facility are bounded by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities" (NUREG-

1496). Additionally, no non-radiological or cumulative impacts were identified. Therefore, the NRC has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The only alternative to the proposed action of releasing Building 13 of the DVA's Illiana Health Care System facility for unrestricted use is to take no action. Under the no-action alternative, Building 13 of the DVA's Danville, Illinois facility would remain a location of use on the Illiana Permit under the DVA's NRC license and would not be released for unrestricted use. Denial of the license amendment request would result in no change to current conditions at the DVA facility. The no-action alternative is not acceptable because it is inconsistent with 10 CFR 30.36, which requires licensees who have ceased licensed activities to begin decommissioning activities or submit a decommissioning plan, which upon approval, will be used to conduct decommissioning activities. This alternative also would impose an unnecessary regulatory burden and limit potential benefits from the future use of Building 13 of the DVA's Illiana Health Care System facility.

Conclusion

The NRC staff concluded that the proposed action is consistent with the NRC unrestricted release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Because the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action will not affect listed species or critical habitats. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is not a type of activity that has potential to cause effect on historic properties. Therefore, consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is not required.

The NRC consulted with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency on the action. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Division of Nuclear Safety, Radioactive Materials Section, was provided the draft EA for comment on February 3, 2006. Mr. Daren Perrero, Health Physicist, with the Radioactive Materials Section, responded to the NRC by e-mail on

February 8, 2006, indicating that the State had no comments regarding the NRC Environmental Assessment for the release of the DVA's Danville, Illinois facility.

II. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA in support of the proposal to allow the DVA to release the site for unrestricted use, the NRC has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Thus, the NRC has not prepared an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

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. If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The documents and ADAMS accession numbers related to this notice are:

1. E. Lynn McGuire, Department of Veterans Affairs, letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, November 18, 2005 (ADAMS Accession No. ML053260120).

2. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs," NUREG-1748, August 2003.

3. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities," NUREG-1496, August 1994.

4. NRC, NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," Volumes 1-3, September 2003.

Documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois, this 9th day of February, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Facility Tour

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission tour.

SUMMARY: Postal Rate Commissioners and advisory staff members will tour a Netflix facility in Rockville, Maryland on February 15, 2006. The purpose of the tour is to observe operations.

DATES: February 25, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Williams, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, (202) 789-6842.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:
 Rule 11a1-1(T); OMB Control No. 3235-0478; SEC File No. 270-428.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 11a1-1(T)—Transactions Yielding Priority, Parity, and Precedence

On January 27, 1976, the Commission adopted Rule 11a1-1(T) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") to certain exempt transactions of exchange members for their own accounts that would otherwise be prohibited under Section 11(a) of the Exchange Act. The rule provides that a member's proprietary order may be executed on the exchange of which the trader is a member, if, among other things: (1) The member

discloses that a bid or offer for its account is for its account to any member with whom such bid or offer is placed or to whom it is communicated; (2) any such member through whom that bid or offer is communicated discloses to others participating in effecting the order that it is for account of a member; and (3) immediately before executing the order, a member (other than a specialist in such security) presenting any order for the account of a member on the exchange clearly announces or otherwise indicates to the specialist and to other members then present that he is presenting an order for the account of a member.

Without these requirements, it would not be possible for the Commission to monitor its mandate under the Exchange Act to promote fair and orderly markets and ensure that exchange members have, as the principle purpose of their exchange memberships, the conduct of a public securities business.

There are approximately 1,000 respondents that require an aggregate total of 333 hours to comply with this rule. Each of these approximately 1,000 respondents makes an estimated 20 annual responses, for an aggregate of 20,000 responses per year. Each response takes approximately 1 minute to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 333 hours (20,000 minutes/60 minutes per hour = 333 hours). The approximate cost per hour is \$100, resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of \$33,333 (333 hours @ \$100).

Compliance with Rule 11a1-1(T) is necessary for exchange members to make transactions for their own accounts under a specific exemption from the general prohibition of such transactions under Section 11(a) of the Exchange Act. Compliance with Rule 11a1-1(T) does not involve the collection of confidential information. Rule 11a1-1(T) does not have a record retention requirement per se. However, responses made pursuant to Rule 11a1-1(T) are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Building, Washington DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R.