

7. Endangered Species and Historical Site Review

No unusual, threatened, or endangered species of vegetation or wildlife are known or expected to occur on the NADC property. There are no habitats of endangered species on the NADC property. Wetlands near the NADC property are not involved in the remediation activities. These conclusions were confirmed in discussions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Iowa State Historical Society has reviewed the site and planned activities and concluded that it is unlikely that any areas of historical significance are involved.

8. Agencies and Persons Consulted

Scott Marquess, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA is reviewing the proposed remediation, has approved the project and will monitor the implementation of the remediation activities.

Daniel McGhee, State of Iowa, Department of Public Health. The Department of Public Health representative indicated knowledge of the site including the research uses of radioactive material, supports the removal of the burial site and had no special concerns about the removal.

Wayne Fisher, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Contact discussed in Section 7.

Daniel K Higginbottam, Iowa State Historic Preservation Office. Contact discussed in Section 7.

9. Sources Used

Letter from U.S. Department of Agriculture to USNRC, Region I, dated August 16, 2002, requesting approval to remediate burial site at National Animal Disease Center, Ames, IA, with enclosed Work Plan (ML022330227).

Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis for USDA National Animal Disease Center, Revision 1, Final, dated August 14, 2002 (ML022690109).

Letter from Cabrera Services to USNRC, Region I, dated August 20, 2002, providing documents used in historical assessment of burial site (ML022390595).

Letter from USEPA, Region VII to USDA, dated August 6, 2002, regarding Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis for NADC, Ames, IA (ML022270115).

Fax from USDA to USNRC, Region I dated September 11, 2002 providing additional information (ML022550516).

Fax from Cabrera Services to USNRC, Region I, dated October 3, 2002 which encloses letter from Iowa State

Historical Society to USDA, date July 22, 2002 (ML022890418).

10. Finding of no Significant Impact

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR part 51, the Commission has determined that there will not be a significant effect on the quality of the human environment resulting from the excavation and retrieval of the buried waste and transfer to an off site waste disposal facility. Accordingly, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed amendment to Byproduct Material License No. 19-00915-03, which will authorize decommissioning of the burial site. This determination is based on the foregoing Environmental Assessment performed in accordance with the procedures and criteria in 10 CFR part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions."

The amendment request by United States Department of Agriculture and related documents are available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Region I Office, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. The documents may also be viewed in the Agency-wide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) located on the NRC website at www.nrc.gov.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this 16th day of October, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
John D. Kinneman,
Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Branch,
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Meeting on the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Consultation and Finality on Decommissioning and Decontamination of Contaminated Sites

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: NRC will host a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland. During the meeting, staff from the Environmental Protection Agency and

the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission titled, "Consultation and Finality on Decommissioning and Decontamination of Contaminated Sites," and proposed plans for its implementation. The MOU can be viewed on the Internet at the following Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2002/02-120.html>. EPA also has additional information at the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/radiation/mou.htm>.

Purpose: This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the MOU and next steps in implementation.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 5, 2002, from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: NRC's Auditorium is at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Visitor parking around the NRC building is not available; however, the meeting site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of October, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin J. Virgilio,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Agenda

12:30-1:00 Meet and Greet
1:00-1:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
1:15-2:15 Overview of MOU
2:15-2:45 Public Questions
2:45-3:00 NRC Next Steps/Guidance
3:00-3:15 EPA Next Steps/Guidance
3:15-3:30 Closing Remarks
3:30-3:45 Public Questions
3:45-4:30 Staff Available for additional discussion

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