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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Open

Task Force on National Workforce

Policy for S&E (8 a.m.–10 a.m.), Room 1295

- Discussion of the draft NWP report

Task Force on S&E Infrastructure (8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.), Room 1235

- Discussion on the final INF report (NSB-02-190)
- Discussion of Draft Communication/Dissemination Plan

Committee on Strategy & Budget (10:30 a.m.–12 Noon), Room 1235

- Review of draft NSF GPRA Strategic Plan, FY 2003-2008
- Discussion of History and Impacts of Funds for Director's Initiatives
- Planning for Implementation of Section 22, NSF Authorization Act
- Review of Contract Activities Examining NSF Business & Management Practices

Subcommittee on S&E Indicators (10 a.m.–11 a.m.), Room 1295

- S&E Indicators 2004—State S&E Chapter
- Final NSB Reviewer Assignments

Executive Committee (2 p.m.–2:20 p.m.), Room 1295

- Director's Report

Committee on Education & Human Resources (3 p.m.–5:30 p.m.), Room 1235

- Agenda for the "Broadening Participation" Workshop
- Reports on NSF K-12, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs
- Report from the Subcommittee on S&E Indicators
- Focus on the Future: Mathematics Education Research
- Update on Meeting of the Mathematics Education Portfolio Review Panel
- Report from the Task Force on NWP
- Information Item: NSF Partnership with DOD for Funding REU Sites

Closed

Committee on Strategy and Budget (10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.), Room 1235

- Discussion of the FY 2005 NSF Budget

Executive Committee (2:20 p.m.–3 p.m.), Room 1295

- Specific Personnel Matters

- Future NSF Budgets
- Vannevar Bush Award Committee (2 p.m.–3 p.m.), Room 1240
- Discussion of Candidates

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Closed

Plenary session of the Board (11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.), Room 1235

- Honorary Awards Recommendations

Open

Committee on Audit & Oversight (8:30 a.m.–11 a.m.), Room 1295

- OIG Updates:
 - Performance Plan
 - Results of Audit Peer Review
 - FY 03 and FY 04 OIG Budgets
- CFO Update:
 - FY 03 and FY 04 Budgets
 - Facilities Management
 - Cost Sharing Implementation Update
- CIO Update: Security
- Contact Activity Examining NSF Business & Management Practices

Committee on Programs & Plans (8:30 a.m.–11 a.m.), Room 1235

- High Performance Computing and Computing Infrastructure
- INF Task Force Report
- Long-Lived Data Collections
- Information Item: Status of Support of U.S. Participation in the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program
- Update on NSB Environment Report
- Facilities Management & Oversight Guide: Status & Public Comment
- CPP Issues:
 - NSF Authorization Act, Section 14
 - Proposal for NSB Meetings Outside Washington

Plenary session of the Board (12:30 p.m.–3 p.m.), Room 1235

- Science Presentations
- Minutes
- Closed Session Items for May 2003
- Chairman's Report
- Director's Report
- Report on the Retreat
- Committee Reports

Gerard Glaser,

Executive Officer, NSB.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-03766]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact related to license amendment of Byproduct Material License No. 06-00807-01, Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to Byproduct Material License No. 06-00807-01 to authorize release a portion of its facility in Ridgefield, Connecticut, for unrestricted use and has prepared an Environmental Assessment in support of this action. Based upon the Environmental Assessment, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate, and, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Joustra, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406; telephone (610) 337-5355 or e-mail jaj@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering amending Byproduct Materials License No. 06-00807-01 and authorizing the release of a portion of the licensee's facilities in Ridgefield, Connecticut, for unrestricted use and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of this action.

Summary

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewed the results of the decommissioning of the Schlumberger Technology Corporation (Schlumberger) facility in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Schlumberger was authorized by NRC from 1956 to 2003 to use radioactive materials for research and development purposes at the site. In 2000, Schlumberger ceased operations with licensed materials in a portion of its facility at the Ridgefield site, and on September 30, 2002 requested that NRC amend its license to release three areas for unrestricted use. Schlumberger contracted with Radiation Safety Associates, Inc. Hebron, Connecticut, who conducted surveys of the areas and determined that these areas meet the license termination criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has evaluated Schlumberger's request and results of the surveys, and has developed an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the staff evaluation, the conclusion

of the EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on human health and the environment for the proposed licensing action.

Introduction

Schlumberger requested release for unrestricted use areas of designated as Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the area identified as the Catacomb, which are attached to the main building on Old Quarry Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. NRC License No. 06-00807-01, which was issued in 1956 and amended periodically since that time authorized activities at these areas. In Lab Z, Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb the licensee conducted research and development, and manufactured neutron generators tubes using curie amounts of tritium.

Licensed activities in Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb ceased completely in November 2000, and the licensee requested an amendment to its license to release Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb for unrestricted use in September 2002. Based on the licensee's historical knowledge of the site and the conditions of the facility, the licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with licensee radiation safety procedures, were required. A decommissioning plan was not required to be submitted to the NRC. The licensee's contractor surveyed the facilities, decontaminated or remediated areas as needed, and provided documentation that the facilities meet the license termination criteria specified in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20, and do not require additional decommissioning activities to be performed. The licensee subsequently requested that the facilities (Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb) be released for unrestricted use.

The Proposed Action

The proposed action is to amend Byproduct Materials License No. 06-00807-01 and release Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb of the facilities at Old Quarry Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut for unrestricted use. By letter dated September 30, 2002, Schlumberger provided survey results which demonstrate that the Ridgefield site is in compliance with the radiological criteria for license termination in Subpart E, 10 CFR Part 20, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination."

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to amend Byproduct Materials License No. 06-00807-01 and release Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb of the Schlumberger site in Ridgefield, Connecticut, for unrestricted use. NRC is fulfilling its responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act to make a decision on a proposed license amendment of a license and release of facilities for unrestricted use that ensures protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

Since Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb have already been surveyed and found acceptable for release for unrestricted use, the no-action alternative would be to keep the facilities on the license. This no-action alternative is not acceptable because the licensee does not plan to perform the previously authorized activities with licensed materials at those locations. Maintaining the areas under a license would reduce options for future use of the property.

The Affected Environment and Environmental Impacts

The NRC staff has reviewed the surveys performed by Schlumberger to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402 license termination criteria. Based on its review, the staff has determined that the affected environment and environmental impacts associated with the release for unrestricted use of the Schlumberger facilities are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities" (NUREG-1496).

Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb are attached to the main building on Old Quarry Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Since Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb have been surveyed and meet the NRC criteria for unrestricted use in 10 CFR Part 20, the environmental impacts resulting from the release of these areas for unrestricted use are expected to be insignificant. The NRC has found no other activities in the area that could result in cumulative impacts.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

This Environmental Assessment was prepared entirely by the NRC staff. The State Office of Historical Preservation, the State Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service were

not contacted because release of Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb at the Schlumberger facilities for unrestricted use does not modify the facilities. No other sources were used beyond those referenced in this EA.

NRC provided a draft of its Environmental Assessment to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) for review. On January 31, 2003, CTDEP responded by letter and stated that it concurs with NRC's FONSI on human health and the environment.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff concluded that the completed action complies with 10 CFR part 20. NRC has prepared this EA in support of the proposed license amendment to the license and release Lab Z, and Lab Z Lower Level including the Catacomb facilities for unrestricted use. On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed action are expected to be insignificant and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

List of Preparers

Judy Joustra, Senior Health Physicist, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region 1.

List of References

1. 10 CFR Part 20, Subpart E.
2. NRC License No. 06-00807-01 inspection and licensing records.
3. Letter dated September 30, 2002, with enclosures, from Schlumberger-Doll Research for Schlumberger Technology Corporation. [ADAMS Accession No. ML022820310].
4. Letter dated December 19, 2002, from Schlumberger-Doll Research for Schlumberger Technology Corporation. [ADAMS Accession No. ML023530607].

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," 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/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Judy Joustra, Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 2, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, telephone (610) 337-5355, fax (610) 337-5269.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania this 26th day of February, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACNW will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on March 25, 2003, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, March 25, 2003—8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Howard J. Larson (Telephone: 301/415-6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: February 27, 2003.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on March 19 and 20, 2003, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Portions of the meeting may be closed to public attendance to discuss Westinghouse Electric Company LLC proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, March 19, 2003—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

Thursday, March 20, 2003—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The purpose of this meeting is to review thermal-hydraulic issues concerning the design certification of the AP1000 reactor design. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Dr. Medhat El-Zeftawy (Telephone: 301-415-6889) or the Cognizant Staff Engineer, Mr. Michael R. Snodderly (Telephone: 301-415-6927) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official or Cognizant Staff Engineer between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact one of the above named individuals at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. Regulatory Guides are 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 is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1123, which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1123, "Verification, Validation, Reviews, and Audits for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" is being developed to describe a process that is acceptable to the NRC staff for the development and assessment of evaluation models that may be used to verify and validate safety system software, subject to the exceptions listed in Regulatory Positions 1 through 8, and for carrying out software reviews, inspections, walkthroughs, and audits, subject to the exceptions listed in Regulatory Position 8.

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 by mail to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; or they may be hand-delivered to the Rules and Directives Branch, ADM, at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. 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 April 30, 2003.

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; e-mail CAG@NRC.GOV. For information about Draft Regulatory