

absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32 and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact has been prepared and published in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 1995 (60 FR 15799).

Accordingly, based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for the transfer of licenses dated November 21, 1994, and the application for amendments dated February 23, 1995, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Dixon Public Library, 221 Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, IL.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of June 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William T. Russell,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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In the Matter of: Marc W. Zuverink, Holland, Michigan; Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities and Requiring Certain Notification to NRC

I

Cammenga Associates, Inc. (Cammenga or Licensee) holds Byproduct Material License No. 21-26460-01 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 30 on September 27, 1993. The license authorizes the use of byproduct material, hydrogen-3 (tritium), in sealed vials for the production of tritium radioluminescent devices. The license is due to expire on January 31, 1998. From July 29, 1994, to September 16, 1994, Marc W. Zuverink was contracted to Cammenga through a temporary hiring service.

II

The Licensee trained Mr. Zuverink as a radiation worker. The training included a discussion of potential sanctions against employees who misused, mishandled, or stole radioactive material. Mr. Zuverink's answers on a comprehensive written exam given by the Licensee indicate that he was aware of potential civil and criminal penalties for employees who deliberately violate federal regulations or license requirements governing the use of tritium. The radiation safety training allowed Mr. Zuverink to enter the Licensee's restricted area and to have access to licensed material as part of the process of manufacturing tritium illuminated compasses under contract to the United States military.

III

On September 30, 1994, the Licensee undertook an inventory of NRC-licensed material in its possession. Upon completion, the inventory determined that 1099 vials, containing a total of 49.11 curies of tritium, were missing. The Licensee notified the NRC and the Ottawa County, Michigan, Sheriff's Department. An inspection was conducted by NRC Region III personnel on October 7 and 8, 1994, to evaluate the radiological consequences of the missing material and to monitor the retrieval of the tritium sources. Investigations were conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI), the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Defense Criminal Investigation Service.

Mr. Zuverink admitted to the investigators that he took tritium vials and completed compasses with tritium inserts from the Licensee on more than one occasion. The largest theft apparently took place on September 10, 1994, when he took nine bags of vials from the Licensee, each bag containing 100 vials of tritium, 50 millicuries per vial. Mr. Zuverink stated that he gave the tritium vials and compasses to various members of the public, including approximately 100 vials (5,000 millicuries) to a teenage skateboarder whom he did not know. Mr. Zuverink also admitted that he crushed a tritium vial on a kitchen table at his home in the presence of another individual. This action contaminated the tabletop and caused the other individual to receive a minor tritium uptake (internal tritium contamination). Minor contamination of a countertop and tables was also found in a restaurant where Mr. Zuverink had given one or more vials to another member of the public. Mr. Zuverink was

able to arrange for the return of 548 tritium vials, leaving 551 vials unaccounted for (401 vials at 50 millicuries, 57 vials at 25 millicuries, and 93 vials at 5 millicuries).

OI also found that Mr. Zuverink made false statements to an OI investigator and an NRC inspector during an interview on October 7, 1994. During that interview, Mr. Zuverink stated that he never had any tritium vials at his home, had given tritium vials to only two individuals, and had stolen only one compass. These statements were contradicted by Mr. Zuverink's sworn testimony on October 17, 1994.

Mr. Zuverink's acquisition, possession and transfer of NRC-licensed material, tritium, is a deliberate violation of 10 CFR 30.3, "Activities requiring license." 10 CFR 30.3 requires that no person shall manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, or use byproduct material except as authorized in a specific or general license. Mr. Zuverink was not authorized in a specific or general license to acquire, possess or transfer byproduct material, including tritium.

Pursuant to a plea arrangement dated February 3, 1995, Mr. Zuverink agreed to plead guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan to one criminal count of violating 18 U.S.C. 641, a misdemeanor. Specifically, the agreement describes the charge as stealing compasses, containing the radioactive substance tritium, which belonged to the United States and which were manufactured under contract for the United States. As a result, on April 18, 1995, a judgment was entered whereby Mr. Zuverink was sentenced to serve one year in federal custody, pay a fine of \$500, make restitution to Cammenga in the amount of \$1,000, and pay a \$25 special assessment to the court.

IV

Based on the above, the NRC concludes that Marc W. Zuverink engaged in deliberate misconduct that constituted a violation of 10 CFR 30.3 when he stole and transferred NRC-licensed material. The NRC must be able to rely on its licensees, and the employees of licensees and licensee contractors, to comply with NRC requirements, including the requirement that licensed material cannot be acquired, possessed or distributed without a specific or general license. The deliberate violation of 10 CFR 30.3 by Marc W. Zuverink, as discussed above, has raised serious doubt as to whether he can be relied on to comply with NRC requirements.

Consequently, I lack the requisite assurance that Marc W. Zuverink will conduct licensed activities in compliance with the Commission's requirements or that the health and safety of the public will be protected if Marc W. Zuverink were permitted at this time to be involved in NRC-licensed activities. Therefore, the public health, safety and interest require that for a period of ten years from the date of this Order, Marc W. Zuverink be prohibited from any involvement in NRC-licensed activities for either: (1) An NRC licensee, or (2) an Agreement State licensee performing licensed activities in areas of NRC jurisdiction in accordance with 10 CFR 15.020. In addition, for a period of five years commencing after the ten year period of prohibition, Mr. Zuverink must notify the NRC of his employment or involvement in NRC-licensed activities to ensure that the NRC can monitor the status of Mr. Zuverink's compliance with the Commission's requirements and his understanding of his commitment to compliance.

V

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 81, 1761b, 161i, 182, and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, 10 CFR Part 30, and 10 CFR 150.20, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Marc W. Zuverink is prohibited for a period of ten years from the date of this Order from engaging in NRC-licensed activities. NRC-licensed activities are those activities that are conducted pursuant to a specific or general license issued by the NRC, including, but not limited to, those activities of Agreement State licensees conducted pursuant to the authority granted by 10 CFR 150.20.

2. For a period of five years, after the above ten year period of prohibition has expired, Marc W. Zuverink shall, within 20 days of his acceptance of each employment offer involving NRC-licensed activities or his becoming involved in NRC-licensed activities, as defined in Paragraph V.1 above, provide notice to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, of the name, address, and telephone number of the employer or the entity where he is, or will be, involved in the NRC-licensed activities. In the first such notification, Marc W. Zuverink shall include a statement of his commitment to compliance with regulatory requirements and the basis as to why the Commission should have confidence that he will now comply with applicable NRC requirements.

The Director, Office of Enforcement, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Mr. Zuverink of good cause.

VI

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, Marc W. Zuverink must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 45 days of the date of this Order. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically admit or deny each allegation or charge made in this Order and shall set forth the matters of fact and law on which Mr. Zuverink or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued. Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attn: Chief, Docketing and Service Section, Washington DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60632-4531, if the answer or hearing request is by a person other than Mr. Zuverink. If a person other than Mr. Zuverink requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his or her interest is adversely affected by the Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is requested by Mr. Zuverink or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained. Since Mr. Zuverink is currently in Federal custody, if a hearing is requested, the Commission will not act on the hearing request until Mr. Zuverink is released from Federal custody. If Mr. Zuverink requests a hearing, the hearing request will not be granted unless Mr. Zuverink: (1) Notifies the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, at the address given above, within 20 days of his release from Federal custody, that he has been released from Federal custody; and (2) provides in the notice his then-current address where he can be contacted and a statement that he continues to desire the hearing. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, and the

Assistant General Counsel for Hearings and Enforcement, at the address given above.

In the absence of any request for hearing, the provisions specified in Section V above shall be effective and final 45 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. In the event that Mr. Zuverink makes the sole request for a hearing and fails to comply with the notification requirements above, the provisions specified in Section V above shall be effective and final 20 days after he is released from Federal custody.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day June 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.,

Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards and Operations Support.

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Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations; Biweekly Notice

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from June 10, 1995, through June 22, 1995. The last biweekly notice was published on June 21, 1995 (60 FR 32359).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration.