

notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 30, 1996, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of permit applications received. Permits were issued on October 1, 1996 to the following applicants:

Bill J. Baker, Permit #97-004

Donald B. Siniff, Permits #97-006 and #97-007

Wayne Z. Trivelpiece, Permit #97-012

Arthur L. DeVries, Permit #97-014

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Office.

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Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee

In accordance with the Arctic Research and Policy Act, Pub. L. 98-373, the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name: Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)—Meeting to Receive Comments on the U.S. Arctic Research Plan.

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 13, 1996, 2:00–3:30 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 390, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open. The meeting is open to the public.

Contact Person: Charles E. Myers, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

Purpose of Meeting: Section 109(a) of the Arctic Research and Policy Act requires a biennial revision of the United States Arctic Research Plan (the next revision is due in July 1997). Section 109(a) of the Act further requires the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee to consult with the public during development of the Plan. Representatives of the groups named in section 109(a) of the Act as well as members of the general public are invited to obtain a copy of the current plan (available from: Arctic Research and Policy Staff, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230, telephone (703) 306-1029), and to bring any comments they may have to the meeting. Staff of the Interagency Committee will be present to receive comments and answer questions. The Interagency Committee and its staff and working groups are preparing the revision to the Plan.

The U.S. Arctic Research Plan is organized to address research needs in the following areas:

1. Arctic Oceans and Marginal Seas;

2. Atmosphere and Climate;
3. Land and Offshore Resources;
4. Land-Atmosphere Interactions;
5. Engineering and Technology;
6. Social Science; and
7. Health.

Coordinated interagency efforts and supporting programs are also discussed. These include arctic contamination studies, data and information, logistics, and international activities.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Comments from representatives of groups named in the Arctic Research and Policy Act are encouraged. Written comments should be submitted at the public meeting or mailed to the address below by November 12, 1996. If you would like to address the Committee, please call 703-306-1029 to reserve a time.

Costs to Public: None.

Charles E. Myers,

Head, Arctic Interagency Staff, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 070-364]

Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Babcock and Wilcox Facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, and Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request for decommissioning the Babcock and Wilcox Facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, and opportunity for a hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of a license amendment to Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-414 (SNM-414), issued to the Babcock and Wilcox Company, Pennsylvania Nuclear Service Operations (the licensee), to authorize decommissioning of its former plutonium processing facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania. This amendment does not relate to the decommissioning of the licensee's Shallow Land Disposal Area, which is under a separate license.

The licensee has been decommissioning the buildings at the Parks Township facility in accordance with the conditions discussed in SNM-414. On January 26, 1996, the licensee submitted a site decommissioning plan (SDP) to NRC for review that summarized the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to

remediate the building slabs, basements, sub-surface utilities and soil at the Parks Township facility. Radioactive contamination at the licensee's Parks Township facility discussed in the SDP consists of soils and building rubble contaminated with uranium, transuranic radionuclides, and byproduct material resulting from licensed operations that occurred from the late 1950s until the early 1990s.

The NRC will require the licensee to remediate the Parks Township facility to meet NRC's decommissioning criteria, and during the decommissioning activities, to maintain effluent and doses within NRC requirements and as low as reasonably achievable.

Prior to approving the decommissioning plan, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment. Approval of the SDP will be documented in an amendment to SNM-414.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or
2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);