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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-298]

### Nebraska Public Power District, Cooper Nuclear Station; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of the Nebraska Public Power District, (the licensee) to withdraw its June 6, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46 for the Cooper Nuclear Station, located in Nemaha County, Nebraska.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility technical specifications to revise the Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio (SLMCPR) from 1.06 to 1.07 for dual loop operation, and from 1.07 to 1.08 for single loop operation for the remainder of cycle 17.

The Commission had previously published a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 1996 (61 FR 34893). However, by letter dated May 2, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed changes.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 6, 1996, the supplemental letters dated June 7, June 9, 1996, and May 2, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents 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 Auburn Memorial Library, 1810 Courthouse Avenue, P. O. Box 324, Auburn, NE 68305.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**James R. Hall,**

*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 30-30266-EA; ASLBP No. 97-729-01-EA]

### 21st Century Technologies, Inc.; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721, and 2.772(j) of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding.

#### 21st Century Technologies, Inc.

##### Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty

This Board is being established pursuant to the request of 21st Century Technologies, Inc. for an enforcement hearing. 21st Century Technologies, Inc. is the successor licensee to Innovative Weaponry, Inc. The hearing request was in response to an Order issued by the Director, Office of Enforcement, dated April 10, 1997, entitled "Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty" (62 FR 19816, April 23, 1997).

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Dr. Jerry R. Kline, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Lester S. Rubenstein, 4760 East Country Villa Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with the Judges in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 2.701.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of June 1997.

**James P. Gleason,**

*Acting Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8452]

### Bear Creek Uranium Company; Final Finding of No Significant Impact Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposes to amend NRC

Source Material License SUA-1310 for the licensee, Bear Creek Uranium Company, to allow alternate concentration limits for groundwater hazardous constituents at the Bear Creek uranium facility in Converse County, Wyoming. An Environmental Assessment was performed by the NRC staff in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. The conclusion of the Environmental Assessment is a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed licensing action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charlotte E. Abrams, Uranium Recovery Branch, Mail Stop TWFN 7-J9, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone 301/415-5808.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

By letter of February 28, 1997, Bear Creek Uranium Company (BCUC) requested that Source Material License SUA-1310 be amended to allow alternate concentration limits (ACLs) for groundwater constituents, uranium, Ra-226, and nickel, at the Bear Creek Uranium site. The BCUC application for ACLs proposed discontinuing the site corrective action program (CAP) in order to complete placement of the final radon barrier over the tailings and reclamation of the site. In order to terminate the CAP, the licensee must meet 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 5B(5), which requires that, at the point of compliance (POC), the concentration of a hazardous constituent must not exceed the established background concentration of that constituent, the maximum concentration limits (MCLs) given in Table 5C of Appendix A, or an alternate concentration limit established by the NRC.

#### Summary of the Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is an amendment to SUA-1310 to allow the application of ACLs for groundwater hazardous constituents, uranium, Ra-226, and nickel, for the Bear Creek facility, as provided in 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 5B(5). The NRC staff's review was conducted in accordance with the "Staff Technical Position, Alternate Concentration Limits for Title II Uranium Mills," dated January 1996.

Based on its evaluation of the BCUC amendment request, the NRC staff concludes that granting the licensee the