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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 030-04552]

Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Department of the Army, Westwood Radioactive Material Disposal Facility in the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request for decommissioning the Westwood Radioactive Material Disposal Facility in the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and opportunity for a hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of a license amendment to Nuclear Material License No. 19-10306-01, issued to the Department of the Army, Edgewood Research, Development and Engineering Center (the licensee), to authorize decommissioning of its facility previously used as a waste handling facility and later for radioactive waste research and development (R&D).

On May 30, 1997, the licensee submitted a site decommissioning plan (SDP) to NRC for review that summarized the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to remove soils, piping and underground septic equipment contaminated with radioactive material.

The NRC will require the licensee to remediate the Westwood facility to meet NRC's decommissioning criteria, and during the decommissioning activities, to maintain effluents 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. Approval of the SDP will be documented in an amendment to License No. 19-10306-01.

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 requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);
3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, Department of the Army, Edgewood Research, Development and Engineering Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423 Attention: Mr. Peter Spaeth; and
2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

For further details with respect to this action, the site decommissioning plan is

available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, or at NRC's Region I offices located at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA. Persons desiring to review documents at the Region I Office should call Ms. Sheryl Villar at (610) 337-5239 several days in advance to assure that the documents will be readily available for review.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of August 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Timothy C. Johnson,

Acting Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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[Docket No. 52-001]

Notice of Issuance of Final Design Approval Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix O; U.S. Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor Design GE Nuclear Energy

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revised final design approval (FDA) to GE Nuclear Energy (GE) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix O. This FDA allows the U.S. advanced boiling water reactor (ABWR) standard design to be referenced in an application for a construction permit or operating license pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, or in an application for a combined license pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. The FDA is being revised to make it coterminous with the design certification rule that was issued on May 12, 1997. This FDA supersedes the FDAs dated July 13 and November 23, 1994.

A copy of the revised FDA has been placed in the NRC's Public Docket Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, for review by interested persons.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of August 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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