

has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Kelber in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701. Their addresses are: Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch,

Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of October 1997.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 40-0299]

Umetco Minerals Corporation; Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application from Umetco Minerals Corporation to change six site-reclamation milestones in Condition 59 of Source Material License SUA-648 for the Gas Hills, Wyoming Uranium Mill.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated October 3, 1997, an application from Umetco Minerals Corporation (Umetco) to amend License Condition (LC) 59 of its Source Material License No. SUA-648 for the Gas Hills, Wyoming uranium mill. The license amendment application proposes to modify LC 59 to extend the completion dates for placement of the final radon barrier and the erosion protection cover for the Inactive, the A-9, and the Heap Leach impoundments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mohammad W. Haque, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The portion of LC 59 with the proposed changes would read as follows:

A. (3) Placement of final radon barrier designed and constructed to limit radon

emissions to an average flux of no more than 20 pCi/m.²/s above background:

for the Inactive impoundment (enhanced barrier)—December 31, 1999;

for the A-9 impoundment—December 31, 2003;

for the Heap Leach impoundment—December 31, 1998.

B. (1) Placement of erosion protection as part of reclamation to comply with Criterion 6 of Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 40:

for the Inactive impoundment—

December 31, 2002;

for the A-9 impoundment—December 31, 2004;

for the Heap Leach impoundment—December 31, 2001.

Umetco's application to amend LC 59 of Source Material License SUA-648, which describes the proposed changes to the license condition and the reasons for the request is being made available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." 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 hearing must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

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, Umetco Minerals Corporation, 2754 Compass Drive, Suite 280, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506-8741, Attention: John S. Hamrick; 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.

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 requestor 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);

(3) The requestor'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).

The request must also set forth the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes a hearing.

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

Joseph J. Holonich,

Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Evaluation of Agreement State Radiation Control Programs

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Implementation of the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program and rescission of a final general statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is implementing the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) for the evaluation of Agreement State programs. NRC is rescinding the May 28, 1992, General Statement of Policy "Guidelines for NRC Review of Agreement State Radiation Control Programs, 1992," since it is now superseded.

The NRC has issued the final policy statements: "Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program" and "Policy Statement on the Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs," (See 62 FR 46517; September 3, 1997). Conforming revisions to IMPEP in connection with these two policy statements have been completed and are reflected in the implementing procedure, Management Directive 5.6, Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program.