

discouraged some would-be respondents.

Need for data. Failure to continue and complete this survey will result in the U.S. Government continuing to use 1973 data in estimating the nonprofit sector's R&D and the national totals of R&D funding and performance. A complete accurate description of R&D funding and performance is necessary for policymakers for planning, reporting, and tax purposes. Considerable work in drawing the sample has already been completed and \$546,000 has been spent. The most efficient and cost effective way for the U.S. Government to obtain the needed data is to complete this survey. Therefore, we are asking that emergency clearance be granted by December 30, 1998 so that we can mail out the survey forms, complete the survey and publish the report in a timely manner.

Burden on the Public. The Foundation estimates that a total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of 3,441 hours will result from the collection of information. The calculation is:

2,432 NPOs (1,030 Funders+1,402 Performers)×1 screening survey Form 1400× 12.5 minutes=506 hours
815 Performers×1 revised Form 1401×3 hours=2,445 hours
245 Funders×1 reformatted Form 1402×2 hours=490 hours
Total=3,441 hours

Frequency: One-time survey; second form only to eligible Not-for-profit institutions.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Suzanne Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer,
National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-648]

Umetco Minerals Corp.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of License Amendment Application; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been asked to amend NRC Source Material License SUA-648 to authorize the licensee, Umetco Minerals Corporation (Umetco),

to reclaim the A-9 Repository, located in Natrona County, Wyoming, according to the 1987 Reclamation Plan, as amended by the submittal dated October 27, 1998. This license currently authorizes Umetco to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer uranium at the Umetco East Gas Hills site, which is located approximately 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of the town of Riverton, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elaine Brummett, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7-19, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Umetco Mineral Corporation (Umetco) site is licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under Materials License SUA-648 to possess byproduct material in the form of uranium waste tailings, as well as other radioactive wastes generated by past milling operations. The mill has been dismantled and the A-9 Repository contains uranium mills tailings and mill debris. This former mine pit currently has an interim soil cover. The previously approved 1987 reclamation plan for the A-9 Repository calls for the final cover to be composited of 1 foot of clay, 1 foot of filter material, and 7.5 feet of overburden soil, with the top of the cover seeded. Umetco submitted a design enhancement for the A-9 Repository by letter dated October 27, 1998. The changes to the 1987 design are: (1) Replace the vegetated cover surface with rip rap to improve the erosion protection aspects of the cover; (2) reclamation of the adjacent North and South Evaporation Ponds by placing their clay liners into the A-9 Repository; and (3) reclamation of the C-18 Mine Pit with backfill. The design also includes the final site grading plan.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a licensing action falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operators Licensing Proceedings," of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders in 10 CFR part 2 (54 FR 8269). 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 from 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 Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff 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: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The applicant, Umetco Mineral Corporation, PO 1029, Grand Junction, CO 81502;

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director of Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(3) 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 Commission'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).

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Joseph J. Holonich,
Chief Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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