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Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by May 6, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0055), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-8778]

License Amendment by Molycorp, Inc.; Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold this public meeting to: (1) discuss with the public its review of a license amendment request by Molycorp, Inc., to construct and operate an interim (5-10 year) storage facility at its ferro-alloy production plant in Washington, PA; and (2) discuss the status of decommissioning of the Washington, PA, site.

In August of 1992, Molycorp informed NRC of its intent to terminate the Source Material license for its York, PA, facility. The amendment request to construct the storage facility was submitted to NRC in a letter from the licensee dated February 8, 1996. A subsequent request for storage of Molycorp York soils at the Molycorp,

Washington, site was proposed as part of a decommissioning plan for the York site. The radioactive soils were generated in operations conducted at the York rare earth metal recovery facility from 1965 to 1992. These soils have a volume of approximately 3,000 cubic yards and before approval of the amendment request can be granted, the licensee must demonstrate that containment will be provided for the radioactive soils (contaminated with thorium-228 and uranium-238) proposed to be transported from York to Washington, PA. The NRC review is assessing the environmental and safety impacts of this request.

DATES: April 15, 1999, at 6 pm.

ADDRESSES: North Trinity Elementary School, 225 Midland Drive, Washington, Pennsylvania.

STATUS: Public and Open.

The NRC staff has arranged this public meeting to discuss the NRC's review conducted to assess the potential significance of environmental impacts associated with the amendment request. The results of the review will be considered along with other factors in determining whether construction of the interim storage facility will be granted. In addition, the status of decommissioning of the Washington, PA, site will be discussed.

AGENDA FOR MOLYCORP MEETING: This public meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Topic Lead

1. Introduction and discussion of meeting participation procedures—John Olshock, Solicitor, Canton Township Supervisors
2. Introduction of NRC staff and discussion of NRC decision making process—Robert Nelson, Chief, NRC Special Projects Section
3. Presentation of NRC review—Roy Person, Sr. Materials Engineer, NRC
4. Questions/answers and comments—Meeting participants
5. Summary of action items—Robert Nelson
6. Adjourn meeting—Canton Township Supervisors

For further information regarding this meeting, contact Roy Person of the NRC, at (301) 415-6701. For further details with respect to this action, the draft environmental assessment for this licensing action and the Decommissioning Plan for the York site are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W.N. Hickey,

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311]

Public Service Electric and Gas Co.; Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75 for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, issued to the Public Service Electric and Gas Company (the licensee), for operation of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, located in Salem County, New Jersey.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) regarding submission of revisions to the updated final safety analysis report (UFSAR). Under the proposed exemption, the licensee would schedule updates to UFSAR, common for both units, based on the refueling cycle of Salem Unit 1 and at intervals not to exceed 24 months.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The *Code of Federal Regulations*, 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4), requires licensees to submit updates to their FSAR annually or within 6 months after each refueling outage provided that the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. Since Units 1 and 2 share a common FSAR, the licensee must update the same document annually or within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit. The underlying purpose of the rule was to relieve licensees of the burden of filing annual FSAR revisions while assuring that such revisions are made at least every 24 months. The Commission reduced the burden, in part, by permitting a licensee to submit its FSAR revisions 6 months after refueling outages for its facility, but did not provide for multiple unit facilities