

### Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The proposed action that the NRC is considering is approval of PRL's RP and the amendment to a source material license issued pursuant to 10 CFR Part 40. The principal alternatives available to the NRC are:

1. Approve the license amendment request as submitted; or
2. Amend the license with such additional conditions as are considered necessary or appropriate to protect public health and safety and the environment; or
3. Deny the request.

The NRC staff has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. Therefore, alternatives with equal or greater impacts need not be evaluated. The staff considers that Alternative 2 is the appropriate alternative for selection as the staff anticipates that some needed license conditions will likely result from the staff's safety review of the RP. A technical evaluation report (TER) will be completed with respect to the criteria for reclamation, specified in 10 CFR part 40, Appendix A, and the proposed license conditions will be discussed in the TER.

### Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the proposed RP for NRC Source Material License SUA-1371. On the basis of this assessment, the NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impact that may result for the proposed action would not be significant, and, therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

The Environmental Assessment and other documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20555.

### Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The Commission 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 Operator Licensing Proceedings," of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings 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 the **Federal Register** notice. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

(1) By delivery to the Rulemaking 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, D.C. 20555. Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff.

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

(1) The applicant, Plateau Resources Limited, 877 North 8th West, Riverton, Wyoming, 82501;

(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 D.C. 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 proceedings, 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 area of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceedings; 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 2nd day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### NRC Workshop on Environmentally Assisted Cracking

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) conducts contract research in many technical areas to support NRC activities in nuclear reactor regulation. The Materials Engineering Branch of RES conducts a significant research effort on evaluation of environmentally assisted cracking (EAC) in light water reactor (LWR) systems and components. In FY2000, a significant extension of this program is being planned to provide NRC with confirmatory research which will be required to deal with a variety of issues for operating reactors. The purpose of this workshop is to inform interested stakeholders of NRC research plans and to receive comments and suggestions.

**DATES:** April 20, 2000, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, Two White Flint North, Room T-10-A1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

**CONTACT:** Mike McNeil, Phone: (301) 415-6794, E-mail:mbm@nrc.com.

**ATTENDANCE:** This meeting is open to the general public.

**PROGRAM:** The purpose of the meeting is to solicit the views of stakeholders on the proposed NRC research activities in this field. The meeting will start with presentations by NRC staff on past NRC activities in this area, the regulatory pressures leading to the future activities, and the proposed research program. There will then be a period open for questions and discussion. Key NRC and contractor personnel will be in attendance so as to permit, insofar as possible, the on-the-spot resolution of questions.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 2nd day of March 2000.

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