

20, 2000, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. to October 19, and at 9 a.m. on October 20.

Topics for discussion include: Issues in risk-adjusting payments to Medicare+Choice plans; Medicare MSAs; meeting Medicare+Choice program goals; proposed work plan for regulatory burden study; post-surgical recovery care centers; developing input price indexes for all health care settings; ESRD payment issues; issues in post-acute care, including case-mix changes in skilled nursing facilities, payment policy for speciality psychiatric facilities, and the feasibility of developing clinical indicators for evaluating use; and options to reduce beneficiary coinsurance for hospital outpatient department services.

Agendas will be mailed on October 11, 2000. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,
Executive Director.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Council on Disability (NCD).

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule of the forthcoming meeting, in teleconference format, for NCD's Youth Advisory Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(1)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Youth Advisory Committee: The purpose of NCD's Youth Advisory Committee is to provide input into NCD activities consistent with the values and goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Date: November 15, 2000, 4 p.m.-5 p.m. EST.

Location: 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC.

For Youth Advisory Committee Information Contact: Gerrie Drake Hawkins, Ph.D., Program Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F

Street NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004; 202-272-2004 (voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY), 202-272-2022 (fax), ghawkins@ncd.gov (e-mail).

Agency Mission: The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

This committee is necessary to provide advice and recommendations to NCD on disability issues.

We currently have a membership reflecting our nation's diversity and representing a variety of disabling conditions from across the United States.

Open Meeting: This advisory committee meeting, in teleconference format, of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public. However, due to fiscal constraints and staff limitations, a limited number of additional lines will be available. Those interested in joining the meeting should contact the appropriate staff member listed above. Space is limited.

Records will be kept of all Youth Advisory Committee meetings calls and will be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 5, 2000.

Jeffrey T. Rosen,

General Counsel and Director of Policy.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-32990; License No. 47-25225-01; EA-00-118]

In the Matter of Bass Energy, Inc. Bruceton Mills, West Virginia 26525; Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty

I

Bass Energy, Inc. (Licensee) is the previous holder of Materials License No. 47-25225-01 originally issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on December 15, 1992, and amended on September 2, 1998. The License has subsequently been transferred to another entity. The license authorized

Bass Energy, Inc. to possess and use sealed sources registered pursuant to 10 CFR 32.210 or an equivalent Agreement State regulation and contained in a Scan Technologies Model 3500 fixed gauging device.

II

An investigation of the Licensee's activities was initiated by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) on November 3, 1999, and an NRC inspection conducted on September 28, 1999. The results of the investigation and inspection revealed that the licensee had not conducted its activities in full compliance with NRC requirements. A written Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) was served upon the Licensee by letter dated June 30, 2000. The Notice stated the nature of the violations, the provisions of the NRC's requirements that the Licensee violated, and the amount of the civil penalty proposed for the violations.

To date, the Licensee has not responded to the Notice or paid the civil penalty. Additionally, telephone calls were initiated on August 16, 18, 25 and 30, and September 1, 2000 by Mr. Mark Lesser, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, NRC, Region II, to Mr. Thomas, President of Bass Energy, Inc., and his attorney concerning Bass Energy's intent to respond to the Notice or pay the civil penalty. Mr. Thomas has declined to discuss the matter and his attorney has not returned Mr. Lesser's calls.

III

After consideration of the Licensee's failure to respond to the Notice and pay the proposed civil penalty, the NRC staff has determined, that the civil penalty in the amount of \$8,800 for the violations described in the Notice should be imposed.

IV

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to Section 234 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Act), 42 U.S.C. 2282, 10 CFR 2.201 and 10 CFR 2.205, *It Is Hereby Ordered That:*

(A) The Licensee pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,800 within 30 days of the date of this Order, in accordance with NUREG/BR-0254. In addition, at the time of making payment, the Licensee shall submit a statement indicating when and by what method payment was made, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, and

(B) The Licensee respond in writing to the Notice pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 within 30 days of the date of this Order addressing: (1) Admission or denial of the alleged violations, (2) the reasons for the violations if admitted, and if denied, the reasons why, (3) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (4) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (5) the date when full compliance will be achieved. This response shall also be addressed to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Licensee may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. A request for a hearing should be clearly marked as a "Request for an Enforcement Hearing" and shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, and to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region II, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Suite 23T85, Atlanta, GA 30303.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of the hearing. If the Licensee fails to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order (or if written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing has not been granted), the provisions of this Order shall be effective without further proceedings. If payment has not been made by that time, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection.

In the event the Licensee requests a hearing as provided above, the issues to be considered at such hearing shall be:

(a) Whether the Licensee was in violation of the Commission's requirements as set forth in Part I of the Notice referenced in Section II above, and

(b) Whether, on the basis of such violation, this Order should be sustained.

Dated this 29th day of September 2000.

R. William Borchardt,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consideration of License Amendment Request for the Nuclear Fuels Services, Inc., and Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact and Opportunity to Request a Hearing on Amendment of Materials License SNM-124, Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-124 at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. facility located in Erwin, TN.

Environmental Assessment

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has evaluated the environmental impacts of the amendment request from Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) to change liquid effluent action levels and reporting commitments in Materials License SNM-124 in accordance with 10 CFR 20.1302. This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and NRC regulations (10 CFR Part 51) which implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The purpose of this document is to assess the environmental consequences of the proposed license amendment.

The NFS facility in Erwin, TN is authorized under SNM-124 to possess nuclear materials for the fabrication and assembly of nuclear fuel components. The facility produces nuclear fuel for the U.S. Naval Reactor Program. The principle operations include: (1) the processing of highly enriched uranium [greater than 90 weight percent ²³⁵U] into a classified fuel product; and (2) the processing of scrap materials containing highly enriched uranium (HEU) to recover uranium.

1.2 Review Scope

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, this EA serves to (1) present information and analysis for determining whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); (2) fulfill the NRC's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when no EIS is necessary; and (3) facilitate preparation of an EIS if one is necessary. Should the NRC issue a FONSI, no EIS would be prepared and the license amendment would be granted.

1.3 Proposed Action

The proposed action is to amend NRC Materials License SNM-124 to change liquid effluent action levels and reporting commitments in accordance with 10 CFR 20.1302. Currently, NFS uses 20.1302(b)(2) to demonstrate compliance. NFS proposes to use 20.1302(b)(1) to demonstrate compliance.

1.4 Need for Proposed Action

Licensees are required to comply with the annual dose limits in 10 CFR 20.1301. The applicable dose limit in 20.1301(a)(1) states that the licensee shall conduct operations so that the total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) to individual members of the public from the license operation does not exceed 100 mrem in a year, exclusive of dose contribution from background radiation, from medical procedures, or from the licensee's disposal of radioactive material into sanitary sewerage. In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1302, compliance can be demonstrated by either of two ways: (1) the licensee can demonstrate, by measurement or calculation, that the TEDE to the individual likely to receive the highest dose from the licensed operation does not exceed the annual dose limit; or (2) the licensee may show that the annual average concentrations of radioactive material released in the gaseous and liquid effluents at the boundary of the restricted area do not exceed values specified in Table 2, "Effluent Concentrations," of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 20 in conjunction with other measurements.

Amending the NFS license to allow effluent discharge compliance to be reported as dose provides the licensee with the flexibility to continue operating the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) in case a sample is suspect and needs to be re-analyzed. NFS has previously demonstrated compliance with the annual dose limit in 10 CFR 20.1301 for releases to the Nolichucky River from the WWTF by