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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 03-005980]

Consideration of Amendment Request for Sorting, Characterizing, and Repackaging Waste at the Safety Light Corporation Facility, Bloomsburg, PA, and Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of
amendment request for sorting,
characterizing, and repackaging waste at
the Safety Light Corporation facility,
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and
opportunity for a hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission is considering issuance of
a license amendment to By-Product
Materials License No. 37-00030-02
(License No. 37-00030-02), issued to
Safety Light Corporation (SLC), to
authorize the sorting, characterizing,
and repackaging of containerized waste
located at the SLC facility in South
Central Township, about five miles from
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

During 1999 and 2000, the licensee
removed waste from two underground
silos, as part of site remediation of the
radiological contamination at the SLC
facility, in accordance with the
conditions described in License No. 37-
00030-02. The waste is stored in two
temporary waste storage areas, because
additional sorting and characterization
of the waste is required. The SLC
facility is located adjacent to the
Susquehanna River, so these storage
areas potentially could flood during
severe hurricane-type conditions. On
February 6, 2002, the licensee submitted
the "Work Plan for SLC, Bloomsburg,
PA, Radioactive Waste Repackaging"
(Work Plan) for NRC review and
approval. The radioactive
contamination in this waste, based on
previous characterization data, consists
primarily of tritium, Sr-90 and Cs-137
that is regulated by NRC, and Ra-226
that is regulated by the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental (PADEP). There may also
be some mixed waste (radioactive and
hazardous waste) that is dually
regulated by NRC and PADEP. The

waste material had been placed within
two underground silos during previous
operations at the facility, which began
during the late 1940s. These operations
by United States Radium Corporation
and later the SLC, involved the
manufacturing and distributing of self-
illuminating watch and instrument
dials, and other uses of a variety of
radioactive material until about 1968,
when tritium was the only radionuclide
used.

During all waste processing activities,
the NRC will require the licensee to
maintain effluents and doses within
NRC requirements, and as low as
reasonably achievable. Prior to
approving the Work Plan and
supporting information, the NRC will
have made findings required by the
Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended,
and NRC's regulations. Approval of the
Work Plan at the SLC Bloomsburg, PA
facility will be documented in an
amendment to License No. 37-00030-
02. The NRC has coordinated this NRC
licensing action with PADEP and the
United States Environmental Protection
Agency Region III, which have separate
jurisdictions related to this waste
material and this facility.

The NRC hereby provides notice that
this is a proceeding on an application
for amendment of a license falling
within the scope of Subpart L "Informal
Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in
Materials Licensing Proceedings," of
NRC's rules and practice for domestic
licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2.
Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1205(a), any
person whose interest may be affected
by this proceeding may file a request for
a hearing in accordance with 10 CFR
2.1205(c). A request for hearing must be
filed with thirty (30) days of the date
of publication of the **Federal Register**
Notice.

The request for the hearing must be
filed with the Office of the Secretary
either:

1. By delivery to the Document
Control Desk or may be delivered to the
Commission's Public Document Room,
11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
20852-2738; or
2. By mail or telegram addressed to
the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission, Washington, DC 20555-
0001, Attention: Rulemakings &
Adjudications Staff.

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 requester in the
proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected
by the results of the proceeding,

including the reasons why the requester
should be permitted a hearing, with
particular reference to the factors set out
in 10 CFR 2.1205(g);

3. The requesters 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 10 CFR 2.1205(c).

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, Safety Light
Corporation, 4150-A Old Berwick Road,
Bloomsburg, PA 17815, Attention: Larry
Harmon, Plant Manager; 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.

For further details with respect to this
action, the Work Plan and supporting
information dated February 6, April 25
and May 28, 2002 is available for
inspection at the NRC's Public
Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike,
Rockville, MD, and from [http://
www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html).

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this
27th day of June 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Safety, RI.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACNW will hold a Planning and
Procedures meeting on July 23, 2002,
Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike,
Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to
public attendance, with the exception of
a portion that may be closed pursuant
to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss
organizational and personnel matters
that relate solely to internal personnel
rules and practices of ACNW, and
information the release of which would
constitute a clearly unwarranted
invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting
shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, July 23, 2002—8:30 a.m.—
10:30 a.m.*