

[Permit Application No. 2003-014]

3. *Applicant:* Joan Miller, P.O. Box 237, Tesuque, NM 87574.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctica Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes to enter several ASPA's on Ross Island to photograph the exterior and interior of the historic huts. The photographs will be used to illustrate the efforts to preserve historic materials from attack by fungi and bacteria. In addition, images will be used in a book documenting the history of human habitation in Antarctica, and will chronicle the use of various materials used for structures, clothing, transport, and communication from the early 1900's through the present.

Location:

ASPA #154—Cape Evans Historic Site
ASPA #156—Hut and Associated artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island

ASPA #157—Discovery Hut, Hut Point, Ross Island

Dates: October 7, 2002 to January 23, 2003.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-188]

Notice of License Renewal Application for Facility Operating License; Kansas State University

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received a license renewal application from the Kansas State University dated September 12, 2002, filed pursuant to section 104c of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), for the necessary license to operate a TRIGA nuclear reactor for an additional 20-year period. The reactor is located at the Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. It is also proposed for operation for educational training and research at a steady state power level of 500 kilowatts, an increase of 250 kilowatts from its previous steady state power level of 250 kilowatts, and with pulse maximum reactivity insertions of \$3.00, an increase of \$1.00 from its previous limit of \$2.00. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing and other matters, including an opportunity to request a hearing, will be the subject of a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or electronically from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible from the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, please contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of October 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert L. Dennig,

Acting Program Director, Operating Reactor Improvements Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 40-08155]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for H.C. Starck, Inc., Coldwater, MI, Site and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to Source Material License No. STB-1161 to authorize decommissioning of the H.C. Starck, Inc. facilities in Coldwater, Michigan. This license issued to H.C. Starck, Inc., authorizes the possession of a maximum of 44 kilograms of natural thorium for the processing of thorium oxide in the form of a thorium-nickel powder into ingots and sheets. As a result of conducting these licensed operations, the H.C. Starck site is radiologically contaminated with loose and fixed surface contamination on some interior building surfaces and equipment.

On June 4, 2002, the licensee submitted a site decommissioning plan (SDP) to NRC for review. The SDP indicates that long-term doses from the contaminated material at current levels are in excess of the requirements of the Radiological Criteria for License Termination rule (10 CFR part 20, Subpart E). Therefore, the licensee

proposes to decontaminate the site to levels that will meet the requirements of the Radiological Criteria for License Termination rule and allow the site to be released for unrestricted use.

If the NRC approves this request, the approval will be documented in a license amendment to NRC License STB-1161. However, prior to the approval and issuance of the amendment, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a license amendment 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 Sec. 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with Sec. 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by mail or facsimile (301-415-1101) addressed to: The Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally, or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, H.C. Starck, Inc., 460 Jay Street, Coldwater, MI 49036, Attention Dave Meendering, Plant Manager, and,

2. The NRC staff, General Counsel, by mail, addressed to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. 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:

a. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

b. 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 Sec. 2.1205(h);