

OSHA has described the "supplemental" programs referred to above in a March 9, 1995, **Federal Register** notice (60 FR 12980, 3/9/95). This notice described nine (9) programs and procedures (collectively, programs), eight of which (the "supplemental programs") any NRTL may use to control, audit, and accept the data relied upon for product certification. Such data is not normally generated at the NRTL's facility or by NRTL personnel. The notice also includes the criteria for the use by the NRTL of these eight, or supplemental, programs. Any NRTL's initial recognition will always include the first or basic program, which provides that all product testing and evaluation be performed in-house by the NRTL that will certify the product. OSHA does not consider these programs in determining whether any NRTL meets the requirements for recognition under 29 CFR 1910.7. However, these programs help to define the scope of that recognition.

Preliminary Finding

UL has submitted acceptable applications for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. As noted above, in processing these requests, OSHA has performed on-site reviews of the proposed additional three UL facilities. UL has addressed any discrepancies noted by the assessor following the reviews, and the assessor has included the resolution in the on-site review reports.

Following a review of the application files, the on-site review reports, and other pertinent information, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant to UL the expansion of its recognition to include the Seoul, Korea, the Neu-Isenburg, Germany, and the Veenendaal, Netherlands, sites listed above. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the applications be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendation of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that Underwriters Laboratories Inc. can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the applications for UL.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether UL has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider a comment, OSHA must receive it at the address

provided above (see **ADDRESSES**), no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). Should you need more time to comment, OSHA must receive your written request for extension at the address provided above no later than the last date for comments. You must include your reason(s) for any request for extension. OSHA will limit any extension to 30 days, unless the requester justifies a longer period. We may deny a request for extension if it is frivolous or otherwise unwarranted. You may obtain or review copies of UL's requests, the on-site review reports, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. Docket No. NRTL4-93 contains all materials in the record concerning UL's applications.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant UL's expansion requests. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR Section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC this 11th day of December, 2002.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 02-150]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that PolyMac TechnoCore, Inc. of 1060 E. 30 Street, Hialeah, FL 33013, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions described in NASA Case No. LAR-15767-1, entitled "Polyimide Precursor Solid Residuum," for which a U.S. Patent No. 6,180,746 was issued to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; NASA Case No. LAR-15977-1, entitled "Aromatic Polyimide Foam," for which

a U.S. Patent No. 6,133,330 was issued to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; NASA Case No. LAR-15831-1, entitled "Hollow Polyimide Microspheres," for which a U.S. Patent No. 5,994,418 was issued to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; NASA Case No. LAR-15831-2, entitled "Hollow Polyimide Microspheres," for which a U.S. Patent No. 6,235,803 was issued to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; NASA Case No. LAR-15831-3, entitled "Hollow Polyimide Microspheres," for which a U.S. Patent No. 6,084,000 was issued to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and NASA Case No. LAR-15745-1, entitled "Films, Preimpregnated Tapes and Composites made from Polyimide "Salt-like" Solutions," for which a U.S. Patent No. 6,222,007 was issued to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

DATE(S): Responses to this notice must be received by January 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robin W. Edwards, Patent Attorney, Langley Research Center, Mail Stop 212, Hampton, VA 23681-2199, telephone (757) 864-3230; fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: December 30, 2002.

Robert M. Stephens,

Deputy General Counsel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Safety Analyses of the Potential Inadvertent Disposal of Two Spent Fuel Rods at Low-Level Radioactive Waste Facilities; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) is announcing the availability for public comment of a set of draft safety analyses related to the potential inadvertent disposal of two spent fuel rods at a low-level radioactive waste facility. In November 2000, the licensee for Millstone Unit 1 (Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.) informed the NRC that the location of two spent fuel rods could not be determined and the following investigation by the licensee concluded that the two spent fuel rods may have been inadvertently sent for disposal as Class C low-level radioactive waste. One analysis was prepared for each of the two possible low-level radioactive waste facilities: the Hanford, Washington site and the Barnwell, South Carolina site. The NRC has determined, from these analyses, that the potential presence of the two fuel rods, at either site, would not constitute a present or future risk to public health and safety or the environment. The NRC is seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the safety analyses is available to the NRC staff. The NRC will review public comments received on the draft documents. In response to those comments, suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, and a final document will be issued.

DATES: Comments on this draft document should be submitted by March 7, 2003. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: The draft safety analyses, "Long-Term Hazard of Millstone Unit 1's Missing Spent Fuel Rods Potentially Disposed at the Barnwell Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility" and "Long-Term Hazard of Millstone Unit 1's Missing Spent Fuel Rods Potentially Disposed at the Hanford Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility," are available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission's Public Document Room, U.S. NRC's Headquarters Building, 11555 Rockville Pike (First Floor), Rockville, Maryland. They are also available electronically from the ADAMS Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Access Numbers: Barnwell's analysis—ML023610413; Hanford's analysis—ML023610424)

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit written comments to: Christopher McKenney, System Performance Analyst (HP), Environmental and Performance

Assessment Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Mail Stop T-7J8, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Comments may also be sent electronically to cam1@nrc.gov. Copies of comments received may be examined at the ADAMS Electronic Reading Room on the NRC web site, and in the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1F21, Rockville, MD 20852. The NRC Public Document Room is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Christopher McKenney, Mail Stop T-7J8, Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6663; Internet: cam1@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In November 2000, the licensee for Millstone Unit 1 (Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.) informed the NRC that the location of two spent fuel rods could not be determined. An investigative team was formed by the licensee and completed its investigation in October, 2001. A follow-up NRC inspection reviewed the findings of the investigation and agrees with the results. The result of the investigation was that there is a chance that the rods may have been unintentionally disposed at the Hanford, Washington, or Barnwell, South Carolina commercial low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities. The most likely explanation was that the rods were inadvertently shipped to Barnwell in 1988, as part of a shipment of Class C low-level radioactive waste. These safety analyses do not address the jurisdictional issues raised by the potential disposal of spent fuel at a shallow low-level waste disposal facility.

There are both short- and long-term considerations for reviewing the health and safety impacts of the rods potentially being at a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. These include the type and amount of radioactivity present, the current location and disposition of the suspected shipments, potential future groundwater release, and risk to potential inadvertent intruders. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., provided an assessment of the risks from the missing fuel on October 5, 2001. A second assessment was

provided by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., on May 15, 2002, that responded to a NRC request for additional information. After investigating the short- and long-term considerations, for the reasons given in the safety analyses, NRC has determined that the presence of the two fuel rods at either low-level radioactive waste disposal facility does not constitute a present or future risk to the public health and safety or the environment.

Commentors are encouraged to submit their written comments on these two safety analyses to the addresses listed above. To ensure efficient and complete comment resolution, commentors are requested to reference the section, page, and line numbers of the document to which the comment applies, if possible.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 24th day of December, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Lawrence Kokajko,
Branch Chief, Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for an Expiring Information Collection: SF-15

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for the continued use of Standard Form 15 (SF-15). SF 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, is used by agencies, OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials to adjudicate individuals' claims for veterans' preference in accordance with the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944. According to the General Services Administration, 45,000 SF-15s were completed last year. Each form requires approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 7,497 hours.

We are asking OMB to approve the continuation of the current SF-15. In the 60 day notice published July 19, 2002, we announced our proposal to revise the SF-15 and we invited