

crews and not be distracted by completing the licensed operator requalification program by December 31, 2004.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the extension of the completion date for the operator requalification program from December 31, 2004, to February 28, 2005.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for CR-3.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On May 1, 2003, the staff consulted with the Florida State official, William Passetti, of the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 6, 2003. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of May, 2003.

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Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-6622]

Finding of No Significant Impact and Availability of the Environmental Assessment Regarding the Proposed Changes to the Reclamation Plan for the Pathfinder Mines Corporation's Shirley Basin Site, Shirley Basin Region of Wyoming

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering an amendment of NRC Source Material License SUA-442 to authorize the licensee, Pathfinder Mines Corporation (PMC), to change the Reclamation Plan for the Shirley Basin uranium mill tailings site located in the Shirley Basin region of Wyoming. PMC requested that NRC approve the proposed changes to the Reclamation Plan by letter dated

October 16, 2001, as amended August 9, 2002.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was performed by the NRC staff in support of its review of PMC's license amendment request, in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the evaluation, the staff concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for this licensing action.

II. EA Summary

The EA was prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of PMC's request to amend NRC license SUA-442, by revising the Reclamation Plan for the Shirley Basin site to allow PMC to do two things. First, in response to recent tailings analysis which showed a significant decrease in source term from what was estimated in the original Reclamation Plan, it would allow PMC to reduce the radon clay barrier thickness from 2.5 feet to .5 feet. The licensee has calculated that with this reduction on thickness, the average radon flux will still be within the required levels and they will confirm this fact by actual measurement. Second, it would allow PMC to create relatively flat vegetated surfaces or benches, with rock protected apron slopes to make the transition between benches. This would provide a reclamation surface covered primarily by vegetated topsoil instead of large expanses of rock. The technical aspects of the application are to be discussed separately in a Technical Evaluation Report (TER) that will accompany the agency's final licensing action.

The results of the staff's evaluation are documented in an EA placed in the Publicly Available Records (PAR) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS).

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the EA, as summarized above, the staff has concluded that the proposed licensing action would not have any significant effect on the quality of the human environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement is unnecessary.

IV. Further Information

The EA for this proposed action as well as the licensee's request are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession Number for licensee request is: ML012980334 (October 16, 2001), ML022310348 (August 8, 2002) and ADAMS Accession Number for the EA is: ML031190198). Documents can also

be examined and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Michael Raddatz, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T8-A33, Washington DC 20555-0001. Telephone (301) 415-6334.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of April, 2003.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Susan M. Frant,

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Actuarial Advisory Committee With Respect to the Railroad Retirement Account; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Public Law 92-463 that the Actuarial Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on May 29, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the office of the Chief Actuary of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the conduct of the 22nd Actuarial Valuation of the Railroad Retirement System. The agenda for this meeting will include a discussion of the results and presentation of the 22nd Actuarial Valuation. The text and tables which constitute the Valuation will have been prepared in draft form for review by the Committee. It is expected that this will be the last meeting of the Committee before publication of the Valuation.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons wishing to submit written statements or make oral presentations should address their communications or notices to the RRB Actuarial Advisory Committee, c/o Chief Actuary, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

Dated: May 5, 2003.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of May 12, 2003:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

Commissioner Glassman, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2003 will be:

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;
Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
Formal order of investigation; and
Adjudicatory matter.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted, or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 thereto by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. To Disengage NYSE Direct+ in Five Actively-Traded Stocks on a One-Week Pilot Basis

May 2, 2003.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 9, 2003, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On April 28, 2003, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons and to grant accelerated approval of the proposed rule change.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is proposing to disengage NYSE Direct+⁴ in five

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Darla C. Stuckey, Corporate Secretary, NYSE, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, dated April 24, 2003 ("Amendment No. 1"). Among other things, Amendment No. 1: (1) Clarifies that the NYSE is disengaging NYSE Direct+ in five stocks to assess the impact of its automated dissemination of quotes feature on Exchange floor transactions without Direct+ changing the depth of the market; (2) clarifies that during this pilot, the Exchange intends to monitor variables such as liquidity, continuity, spread, depth, and number of trades; and (3) provides proposed rule text regarding the pilot and the five stocks that will not be participating in NYSE Direct+. On April 30, 2003, the NYSE submitted a new exhibit A to Amendment No. 1. The new exhibit, which supercedes only Exhibit A to Amendment No. 1, makes corrections to the proposed rule text by inserting previously approved rule language under NYSE Rule 1000 that the NYSE inadvertently excluded from the original filing. See letter from Donald Siemer, Director, Rule Development, NYSE, to Lisa N. Jones, Attorney, Division, Commission, dated April 30, 2003.

⁴ NYSE Rules 1000-1005 provide for the automatic execution of limit orders of 1,099 shares or less against the Exchange's disseminated bid or offer. NYSE Direct+ was originally filed as a one-year pilot. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43767 (December 22, 2000), 66 FR 834 (January 4,