

implement EPA ground-water standards.

NRC Form 244 is submitted when depleted uranium is received or transferred under general license.

5. Who will be required or asked to report:

10 CFR part 40: Applicants for and holders of NRC licenses authorizing the receipt, possession, use, or transfer of radioactive source and byproduct material.

NRC Form 484: Uranium recovery facility licensees reporting ground-water monitoring data pursuant to 10 CFR 40.64.

NRC Form 244: Persons receiving, possessing, using, or transferring depleted uranium under the general license established in 10 CFR 40.25(a).

6. An estimate of the number of annual responses:

10 CFR part 40: 869 responses (386 for NRC licensees and 483 for Agreement State licensees).

NRC Form 484: Included in 10 CFR part 40 above.

NRC Form 244: 60 responses (20 for NRC licensees and 40 for Agreement State licensees).

7. The estimated number of annual respondents:

10 CFR part 40: 271 licensees (99 for NRC licensees and 172 for Agreement State licensees).

NRC Form 484: Included in 10 CFR part 40 above.

NRC Form 244: 60 licensees (20 for NRC licensees and 40 for Agreement State licensees).

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:

10 CFR part 40: 59,367 total hours (21,886 for NRC Licensees (16,182 hours for reporting and 5,704 hours for recordkeeping) and (37,481 for Agreement State Licensees (28,083 hours for reporting and 9,398 hours for recordkeeping).

NRC Form 484: Included in 10 CFR part 40 above.

NRC Form 244: 60 hours (20 hours for NRC licensees and 40 hours for Agreement State licensees) for reporting requirements.

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: N/A.

10. Abstract: 10 CFR part 40 establishes requirements for licensees for the receipt, possession, use and transfer of radioactive source and byproduct material. NRC Form 484 is used to report certain groundwater monitoring data required by 10 CFR part 40 for uranium recovery licensees. NRC Form 244 is used to report receipt and transfer of depleted uranium under general license, as required by 10 CFR part 40.

The application, reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to permit the NRC to make a determination on whether the possession, use, and transfer of source and byproduct material is in conformance with the Commission's regulations for protection of public health and safety.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC Worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by July 31, 2003. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Bryon Allen, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0020 and 3150-0031), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

### **STP Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its May 23, 2002, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 and Facility Operating License No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, respectively. STP, Units 1 and 2 are located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendments would have revised the facility Technical Specifications 3.7.1.5 and 3.7.1.7 to extend the allowable outage times (AOTs) for main steam line isolation valves, extend the AOT for the main feedwater isolation valves, and allow more than one main feedwater isolation valves to be inoperable.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 2002 (67 FR 42831). However, by letter dated June 17, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 23, 2002, and the licensee's letter dated June 17, 2003, which withdrew the application for license amendments. 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 Systems (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](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mohan C. Thadani,**

*Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 030-06552]

### **Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Issuance of a License Amendment of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Byproduct Material License No. 45-03302-01 Merck & Company, Inc.**

#### **I. Summary**

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering

terminating Byproduct Material License No. 45-03302-01 to authorize the release of the licensee's facility in Elkton, Virginia for unrestricted use and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of this action.

The NRC has reviewed the results of the final survey of the Merck & Company facility in Elkton, Virginia, and will perform a confirmatory survey prior to termination of the license. Merck & Company was authorized by the NRC from January 10, 1958 until the present to use radioactive materials for research and development purposes at the site. In 2002, Merck & Company ceased operations with licensed materials at the Elkton, Virginia site, and requested that the NRC terminate the license. Merck & Company has conducted surveys of the facility and determined that the facility meets the license termination criteria in subpart E of 10 CFR part 20. The NRC staff has evaluated Merck & Company's request and the results of the surveys, and has developed an EA in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the staff evaluation, the conclusion of the EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact on human health and the environment for the proposed licensing action.

## II. Environmental Assessment

### Introduction

Merck & Company has requested release for unrestricted use their building located at 2778 South Eastside Highway in Elkton, Virginia as authorized for use by NRC License No. 45-03302-01. License No. 45-03302-01 was issued on January 10, 1958, and amended periodically since that time. NRC-licensed activities performed at the Elkton, Virginia site were limited to laboratory procedures typically performed on bench tops and in hoods. No outdoor areas were affected by the use of licensed materials. Licensed activities ceased completely in September 2002, and the licensee requested release of the facility for unrestricted use. Based on the licensee's historical knowledge of the sites and the condition of the facility, the licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with licensee radiation safety procedures, were required. A decommissioning plan was not required to be submitted to the NRC. The licensee surveyed the facility and provided documentation that the facility meets the license termination criteria specified in subpart E of 10 CFR part 20,

"Radiological Criteria for License Termination." NRC staff will perform a confirmatory survey prior to termination of the license.

### The Proposed Action

The proposed action is to terminate NRC Radioactive Materials License No. 45-03302-01 and release the licensee's facility at 2778 South Eastside Highway in Elkton, Virginia, for unrestricted use. By letters dated September 23, 2002 and March 17, 2003, Merck & Company provided survey results which demonstrate that the Elkton, Virginia facility is in compliance with the radiological criteria for license termination in subpart E of 10 CFR part 20, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination."

### Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to release Merck & Company's facility located at 2778 South Eastside Highway in Elkton, Virginia for unrestricted use and termination of the license. NRC is fulfilling its responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act to make a decision on a proposed license amendment for release of facilities for unrestricted use that ensures protection of the public health and safety and environment.

### Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The only alternative to the proposed action of terminating the license and release of the Elkton, Virginia facility for unrestricted use is no action. The no-action alternative is not acceptable because it will result in violation of NRC's Timeliness Rule (10 CFR 30.36), which requires licensees to decommission their facilities when licensed activities cease. The licensee does not plan to perform any activities with licensed materials at this location. Maintaining the area under a license would also reduce options for future use of the property.

### The Affected Environment and Environmental Impacts

The NRC staff has reviewed the surveys performed by Merck & Company to demonstrate compliance with the 10 CFR 20.1402 license termination criteria. Based on its review, the staff has determined that the affected environment and environmental impacts associated with the decommissioning of Merck & Company's facility are bounded by the impacts evaluated by the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Facilities" (NUREG-

1496). The staff also finds that the proposed release for unrestricted use of the Merck & Company facility is in compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402, "Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use." The NRC has found no other activities in the area that could result in cumulative impacts.

### Agencies and Persons Contacted and Sources Used

This Environmental Assessment was prepared entirely by the NRC staff. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted for comment and responded by letter dated January 16, 2003, with no opposition to the action. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources was also contacted and had no comment.

### Conclusion

Based on its review, the NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action complies with 10 CFR part 20. NRC has prepared this EA in support of the proposed license termination to release the Merck & Company facility located at 2778 South Eastside Highway in Elkton, Virginia for unrestricted use. On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed action are not expected to be significant and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

### List of Preparers

Orysia Masnyk Bailey, Materials Licensing/Inspection Branch 1, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Health Physicist.

### List of References

1. NRC License No. 45-03302-01 inspection and licensing records.
2. Merck & Company. "Request for Declaration of Decommissioned Status" Letter and supporting documentation from D. Kremer to NRC dated September 23, 2002. (ML022680313)
3. Merck & Company. "Additional Information Concerning Request Dated September 23, 2003" Letter and supporting documentation from D. Kremer to NRC dated March 17, 2003. (ML030830011)
4. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations part 20, subpart E, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination."
5. **Federal Register** notice, Volume 65, No. 114, page 37186, dated Tuesday, June 13, 2000, "Use of Screening Values to Demonstrate Compliance With The Federal Rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination."
6. United States Department of the Interior. "Merck & Company Elkton Facility, Termination of Byproduct

Materials License, #2803, Rockingham County, Virginia” Letter from K. Mayne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to NRC dated January 16, 2003. (ML030220358)

### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the staff concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the staff has determined that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

### IV. Further Information

The references listed above are available for public inspection and may also be copied for a fee at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. These documents are also available for public review through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic reading room, at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Orysia Masnyk Bailey, Materials Licensing/Inspection Branch 1, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II, Suite 23T85, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone 404-562-4739.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia, the 17th day of June, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Douglas M. Collins,**

*Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region II.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act; Meeting

**DATE:** Weeks of June 30, July 7, 14, 28, August 4, 2003.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 1155 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Week of June 30, 2003*

Tuesday, July 1, 2003

10 a.m. Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) Programs, Performance, and Plans (closed—Ex.1).

### *Week of July 7, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 7, 2003.

### *Week of July 14, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 14, 2003.

### *Week of July 21, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 21.

### *Week of July 28, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 28, 2003., 2003.

### *Week of August 4, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 4, 2003.

\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.  
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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: [www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html](http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html).

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Dated: June 26, 2003.

**D.L. Gamberoni,**

*Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### NCOALink (National Change of Address Linkage System) Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Postal Service has developed the NCOALink secure dataset product that will enable mailers to update name and address mailing lists with customers' new mailing addresses prior to mailing in a manner which will increase the security of postal customer data and further protect the privacy of this information.

This does not represent a change in address policy. Rather, this increases the security of address information. The Postal Service intends, after an appropriate transition period, to replace the current National Change of Address (NCOA) and FASTforward® Mailing List Correction (MLC) licensed products with NCOALink licensed products. At this time the NCOALink technology is not supported on Multiline Optical Character Reader (MLOCR) platforms, therefore there is no impact to the FASTforward® MLOCR licensed service. Beginning July 1, 2003, interested parties may apply for NCOALink product licenses. Effective October 1, 2003, the usage of the NCOALink product will be recognized as an additional method for mailers to meet the USPS Move Update requirements in order to obtain First-Class Mail automation and Presorted discounts.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2003.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the Move Update Department—NCOALink Group at the Postal Service National Customer Support Center at (800)-589-5766; or John Boyce at (901) 681-4666; or Charles Hunt at (901) 681-4651; or Wayne Orbke at (901) 681-4658.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Mailers will be able to process a mailing list using NCOALink and update the mailing addresses on the list with permanent change-of-address (COA) information using secure data store technology. This technology process results in no human-readable address information being represented within the NCOALink product. Therefore it provides a very high level of security for customer-filed COA information and significantly strengthens the ability of the Postal Service to exercise appropriate oversight of the information. The introduction of NCOALink does not change, in any way, Postal Service policies or usage restrictions regarding change-of-address information. This new product will be available under license from the Postal Service and will be available both to individual mailers and to service bureaus.

This product enables the Postal Service to make available a pre-mailing address correction service in a format that is not a clear text address list, but is instead a mathematical formulation. As a result, mailers can potentially integrate the NCOALink product into their own in-house computer technology and have the ability to update address-specific information for mailings during their business operations.