

A demolition schedule would be developed between site management and the selected demolition contractor and would take into consideration safety, radiation protection, personnel availability, salvage potential, contamination control, and weather constraints. At a minimum, any regulated asbestos containing materials would be abated from a structure prior to commencing structure demolition.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Pursuant to 10 CFR part 51, the NRC has prepared the EA, summarized above. The staff has determined that no ground water impacts are expected from building dismantlement and deconstruction. There will be no deep excavations that could potentially impact ground water. Waste management activities will be implemented for gaseous effluents, liquid and solid wastes. Air particulate (dust) created by the mill demolition will be reduced by pre-washing all facility components. Liquid wastes used during the demolition will be isolated by creating a decontamination area for equipment washing. This area will either be enclosed with a sump or water containment system or will be a building slab from a previously dismantled building. All wash water will be collected and disposed of within lined evaporations cells. Solid waste generated during demolition will be separated into contaminated and uncontaminated. Uncontaminated wastes will be disposed of within a landfill owned by Rio Algom under regulation of the State of New Mexico.

Contaminated waste will be disposed of in the mill tailings disposal area in accordance with NRC regulations. Management of material contaminated with asbestos will be performed by specialized contractors experienced in decontamination and handling of asbestos. Additionally, the staff has determined that no historic or cultural resources and ecological resources would be impacted. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concurred that no threatened or endangered habitat has been impacted.

The proposed NRC approval of the action when combined with known effects on resource areas at the site, including further site remediation, is not anticipated to result in any cumulative impacts at the sites. Therefore, the NRC staff has concluded that there will be no significant environmental impacts on the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the staff has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

IV. Further Information

The EA for this proposed action, as well as the licensee's request, as supplemented and revised, are available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The ADAMS Accession Numbers for the licensee's request, as supplemented and revised, are: ML030940616 and ML030940279. The ADAMS Accession Number for the EA summarized above is ML032720534. Most of the documents referenced in the EA are also available through ADAMS. 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.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of October, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2003.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.
Matters to be Considered:

Week of October 13, 2003

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

1:30 p.m.—Briefing on License Renewal Program, Power Uprate Activities, and High Priority Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jimi Yerokun, 301-415-2293).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of October 20, 2003—Tentative

Thursday, October 23, 2003

10 a.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address— <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of October 27, 2003—Tentative

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

9:30 a.m.—discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Week of November 3, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 3, 2003.

Week of November 10, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 10, 2003.

Week of November 17, 2003—Tentative

Thursday, November 20, 2003

12:45 p.m.—Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).

* 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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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: "Briefing on Strategic Workforce Planning and Human Capital Initiatives (Closed—Ex. 2)," originally scheduled for October 7, 2003, was not held.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: October 9, 2003.

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