

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of October 2003.

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Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-57,781]

Nu-Gro Technologies, Inc., Gloversville, NY; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at Nu-Gro Technologies, Inc., Gloversville, New York. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-57,781; Nu-Gro Technologies, Inc., Gloversville, New York (October 11, 2005).

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of October 2005.

Douglas F. Small,

Acting Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training

President's National Hire Veterans Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The President's National Hire Veterans Committee was established under 38 U.S.C. 4100 Public Law 107-288, Jobs For Veterans Act, to furnish information to employers with respect to the training and skills of veterans and disabled veterans, and to the advantages afforded employers by hiring veterans with training and skills and to facilitate the employment of veterans and disabled veterans through participation in Career One Stop National Labor Exchange, and other means.

The President's National Hire Veterans Committee will meet on Thursday, November 17, 2005 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Board Room of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, 100

Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The committee will discuss raising corporate awareness about the advantages of hiring veterans.

Individuals needing special accommodations should notify Bill Offutt at (202) 693-4717 by November 10, 2005.

Signed at Washington D.C., this 19th day of October, 2005.

Charles S. Ciccolella,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 030-28641]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Department of the Air Force's Request for 10 CFR 20.2002 Authorization, for Disposal of Four Tanks Containing Depleted Uranium to a Subtitle C RCRA Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering approval of a request dated June 23, 2004, by the U.S. Department of the Air Force (Air Force), for disposal of four M-47 tanks containing depleted uranium (DU) from the 98th Range Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to a Subtitle C RCRA hazardous waste disposal facility. The request for approval is submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2002, "Method of Obtaining Approval of Proposed Disposal Procedures." NRC staff evaluated the licensee's analyses of disposal to a Subtitle C RCRA hazardous waste disposal facility, to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 20.2002. The staff used the general guidance for dose modeling as documented in NUREG-

1727, SRP 5.2, and supplemented by the decommissioning-specific guidance of the license termination rule. The dose assessment for the disposal of the subject material would result in doses less than 0.01 millisievert (1 millirem) per year. This action will revise the Air Force Master Materials License No. 42-23539-01AF, to authorize the specific disposal of four M-47 tanks containing DU material to a Subtitle C RCRA hazardous waste disposal facility, pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2002, for procedures not otherwise authorized in the regulations of this chapter. This proposed action would also exempt the low-contaminated material authorized for burial from further Atomic Energy Act (AEA) and NRC licensing requirements. The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. The NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for the proposed action.

II. Environmental Assessment

Background

The Air Force used four U.S. Army M-47 tanks as target practice at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The M-47 tanks were contaminated with DU, as a result of A-10 aircraft target penetrator rounds. Each tank contains less than forty GAU-8 30mm DU rounds; each round contains 300 grams of DU. As a result of the kinetic energy released when a tank is hit by a DU round, some of the DU from the round will bond with the metal surrounding the entry point and the interior of the chamber. The DU is a metal form with a minor contribution as an oxide. The mass of the DU per tank is approximately 12 kg, and when averaged over the mass of the tank (60 tons), the source material is less than one-twentieth of 1 percent (0.05 percent) of the mixture. The Air Force demonstrated by calculation that the potential dose consequence is less than 1 mrem per year, based on the proposed burial of the M-47 tanks in a RCRA facility.

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is approval of the disposal of four (4) M-47 tanks from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to U.S. Ecology facility in Grand View, Idaho, which is a Subtitle C RCRA hazardous waste disposal facility. The Air Force has conservatively assumed the inventory of DU in each of the four M-47 tanks and calculated the potential dose as being less than 1 mrem per year, if all four tanks were to be disposed of,

in such a facility. This proposed action would also exempt the low-contaminated material authorized for burial from further Atomic Energy Act (AEA) and NRC licensing requirements.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to dispose of four M-47 tanks at a RCRA Subtitle C hazardous waste disposal facility. The Air Force maintains the clean-up of the range at Nellis Air Force Base by implementing an on-going process to dispose of objects that require disposition or decontamination in lieu of postponing clean-up efforts until there are extensive objects which require disposition. Therefore, the disposal of the four M-47 tanks are part of the Air Force on-going maintenance efforts on the range.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The alternatives to the proposed action include: (1) No action alternative, (2) decontamination of the M-47 tanks, or (3) handling the M-47 tanks as low-level radioactive waste and shipping the tanks to a licensed low-level waste facility. The Air Force performed an evaluation to determine if the costs to decontaminate the M-47 tanks would be comparable to or less than the costs for burial in a Subtitle C RCRA hazardous waste disposal facility. For the respective four M-47 tanks, the Air Force determined the costs for burial would be less than the cost to decontaminate the tanks. Disposal of the four M-47 tanks in the manner proposed is protective of the health and safety, is consistent with as low as reasonably achievable, and is the most cost-effective alternative.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The four M-47 tanks were used as target practice in Range 63, Target Area 10, at Nellis Air Force Base. Nellis Air Force Base is located approximately 8 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada. The base itself covers more than 14,000 acres, while the total land area occupied by Nellis and its restricted ranges is about 5,000 square miles. The 98th Range Wing is responsible for the 2.9 million acre Nevada Test and Training Range, located just north of Las Vegas. The distance between Las Vegas and US Ecology, Idaho, is approximately 800 miles. The driving time would be approximately 16 hours (assuming average speed of 50 miles per hour). The Air Force's dose analysis conservatively assumed the same driver transported all four tanks in four separate shipments.

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes

there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the disposal of four M-47 tanks to US Ecology, Idaho, which is a Subtitle C RCRA hazardous waste disposal facility. The Air Force's analyses conservatively assumed the inventory of DU in each of the four M-47 tanks was the maximum number of penetrators (i.e., 40 rounds) which potentially hit each tank. The Air Force analyzed the dose to a transport driver, loader, burial worker, and long-term impacts to a residence. While the Air Force did not analyze the groundwater impacts from the disposal, the NRC staff reviewed previous analyses in support of NUREG-1640, "Radiological Assessment for Clearance of Materials from Nuclear Facilities," which indicated that the groundwater pathway is not a controlling factor for DU. Each of the analyses conservatively estimated the exposure to less than 1 mrem total dose per year.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites nor does it affect non-radiological plant effluents. There may be a slight increase in air quality and noise impacts during the loading and transportation of each tank. However, there are no expected adverse impacts to air quality as a result of the loading and transportation of the four M-47 tanks. These activities will be short in duration and minimal as compared to other activities at the base. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The NRC has evaluated whether cumulative environmental impacts could result from an incremental impact of the proposed action when added to other foreseeable actions in the area. The proposed NRC approval of the 10 CFR 20.2002 alternative disposal procedure, when combined with known effects on resource areas of the site, are not anticipated to result in any cumulative impacts at the site.

The proposed action and attendant exemption of the material from further AEA and NRC licensing requirements will not significantly increase the probability or consequence 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. Accordingly, the NRC concludes 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). The implications from the no-action alternative is that the tanks would remain on the range until disposition sometime in the future. The impacts would therefore be limited to the site, and there would be no transportation impacts and no disposal considerations or impacts until sometime in the future.

Another alternative to the proposed action, is that the Air Force may consider decontamination of the four M-47 tanks. The environmental impacts would increase as a result of this alternative from the air quality, noise and water usage during the decontamination process. Additionally, there would be an increase in occupational exposure as a result of the decontamination process.

Disposing of the four M-47 tanks in a low-level waste disposal facility is another alternative to the proposed action. This alternative has similar environmental impacts as the proposed action.

Conclusion

Based on its review, the NRC staff finds that the environmental impact of the proposed action are either similar to, or less impactful than, the alternatives to the proposed action. If the proposed action is denied, the licensee may be required to ship the material to an off-site low level radioactive waste disposal facility. The costs associated with off-site disposal at a low-level waste facility greatly exceeds the cost of burial under the proposed action, with no significant benefit to the environment. Since the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, and the proposed action complies with the criteria in 10 CFR 20.2002 for alternate disposal procedure, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is not a major decommissioning activity and will not affect listed or proposed endangered species, nor critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, NRC staff determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties, as the M-47 tanks are

currently residing in Range 63, Target Area 10, at Nellis Air Force Base. Therefore, no consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

On September 23, 2004, the staff consulted with two Nevada State officials, Mr. Stan Marshall of the Radiological Health Section of the Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Protection Services and Ms. Jolene Johnson of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. Neither State Official had any comments regarding the draft EA. Additionally, the staff consulted with the Idaho State official, Mr. Doug Walker of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. On November 2, 2004, the State of Idaho, Department of Environmental Quality, provided comments regarding the draft EA, and those comments have been incorporated in the final EA.

III. 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.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the license amendment request and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you may access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are: U.S. NRC Radioactive Materials License: Department of the Air Force, Docket Number 030-28641, License Number 42-23539-01AF; Request letter dated June 23, 2004, U.S. Department of the Air Force (ML041810555); NRC Technical Review of Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 20.2002 request by U.S. Department of the Air Force (ML042120512); Safety Evaluation Report, August 5, 2005 (ML052170209); Environmental Assessment and FONSI, August 5, 2005 (ML052170216); Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, 20.2002, "Method of Obtaining Approval of Proposed Disposal Procedures"; and Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51, "Environmental Protection

Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions."

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Dated at Arlington, Texas, this 12th day of October 2005

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-461]

Amergen Energy Company, LLC; Clinton Power Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-62 issued to AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen or the licensee), for operation of Clinton Power Station, Unit 1 (CPS), located in DeWitt County, Illinois. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise Technical Specification 4.3, "Fuel Assemblies," for CPS to reflect the increased fuel storage capacity in the spent fuel pool (SFP) and the addition of fuel storage capacity in the fuel cask storage pool. The proposed expansion will increase the total storage capacity from 2,512 to 4,159 fuel assemblies.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated August 18, 2004, as supplemented on May 13 and 25, June 14, and August 17, 2005.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The loss of full core discharge capability at CPS is projected to occur during the February 2006 refueling outage, based on current projections. To maintain spent fuel storage capability, AmerGen would like to expand SFP storage capacity. The proposed action would result in the increased fuel storage capacity in the SFP and the addition of fuel storage capacity in the fuel cask storage pool. The proposed expansion will increase the total storage capacity from 2,512 to 4,159 fuel assemblies. The additional capacity is expected to allow operation without loss of full-core discharge capability until the year 2016.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

Radioactive Waste Treatment

CPS uses waste treatment systems designed to collect and process gaseous, liquid, and solid waste that might contain radioactive material. These radioactive waste treatment systems were evaluated in the Final Environmental Statement (FES) for CPS, Unit 1, dated May 1982. The proposed changes to the SFP will not involve any change in the waste treatment systems described in the FES.

Gaseous Radioactive Wastes

The increase in the number of spent fuel assemblies stored in the SFP will potentially result in an increase in the radioactive gasses evolving from the pool. However, the level of gaseous radioactivity in the pool water is dominated by the most recent reactor core offload to the pool, not the fuel already stored in the pool. Therefore, the storage of additional aged spent fuel assemblies in the pool will have a minimal contribution to radioactivity in the pool. The overall release of radioactive gases from CPS will remain within the limits of Title 10, *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 20.1301.

Solid Radioactive Wastes

Spent resins are generated by the processing of SFP water through the pools' purification system. These spent resins are disposed of as solid radioactive waste. Resin replacement is determined primarily by the requirement for water clarity and is normally done approximately once per year. No significant increase in the volume of solid radioactive waste is expected with the expanded storage capacity. During pool re-racking operations, small amounts of additional waste resin may be generated by the