

above the nearest point on the Nolichucky River.

The area adjacent to the site consists primarily of residential, industrial, and commercial areas, with a limited amount of farming to the northwest. Privately owned residences are located to the east and south of the facility. Tract size is relatively large, leading to a low housing density in the areas adjacent to the facility. The CSX railroad right-of-way is parallel to the western boundary of the site. Industrial development is located adjacent to the railroad on the opposite side of the right-of-way. The site is bounded by Martin Creek to the north, with privately owned, vacant property and low-density residences.

Environmental Impacts of Proposed Action and Alternatives

1. Occupational and Public Health

Proposed Action. The occupation and public health impacts from the proposed action are essentially the same as those considered in the environmental assessment for operation of the BPF (Ref. 3). Maintaining the BPF in a safe-shutdown mode will reduce the emissions from normal operations and reduce the risk of accidents. However, the reductions would be so small that the differences would be negligible.

No Action. Denying this amendment request would not result in any significant difference in the occupational and public health impacts. If this amendment request is denied, the licensee may be cited for failing to submit a required report. However, the material cannot be inventoried until it is processed into an appropriate form. The facility will continue to implement NRC-approved radiation safety procedures for storing and handling radioactive materials. Thus, the impacts under the "no action" alternative will remain within acceptable regulatory limits.

2. Effluent Releases, Environmental Monitoring, Water Resources, Geology, Soils, Air Quality, Demography, Biota, Cultural and Historic Resources

Proposed Action. The NRC staff has determined that the approval of the proposed amendment will not impact effluent releases, environmental monitoring, water resources, geology, soils, air quality, demography, biota, or cultural or historic resources at or near the NFS site.

No Action. The NRC staff has determined that denial of the proposed amendment will not impact effluent releases, environmental monitoring,

water resources, geology, soils, air quality, demography, biota, or cultural or historic resources at or near the NFS site.

Conclusion

Based on its review, the NRC has concluded that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed action are not significant and, therefore, do not warrant denial of the proposed license amendment. The NRC has determined that the proposed action, approval of the license amendment as described, is the appropriate alternative for selection. Based on an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposed license amendment, the NRC has determined that the proper action is to issue a FONSI.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

On May 11, 2006, the NRC staff contacted the Deputy Director of the Division of Radiological Health in the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) concerning this EA. On May 12, 2006, the Deputy Director responded that TDEC reviewed the draft EA and had no comments (Ref. 6).

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no consultation is required under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no consultation is required under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

References

1. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Environmental Assessment for Renewal of Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-124," January 1999, ADAMS No. ML031150418.
2. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Environmental Assessment for Proposed License Amendments to Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-124 Regarding Downblending and Oxide Conversion of Surplus High-Enriched Uranium," June 2002, ADAMS No. ML021790068.
3. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the BLEU Preparation Facility," September 2003, ADAMS No. ML032390428.
4. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Oxide Conversion Building and the Effluent Processing Building at the BLEU Complex," June 2004, ADAMS No. ML041470176.
5. Nuclear Fuel Services, "Request for One-Time Exemption," April 13, 2006, ADAMS No. ML061150255.

6. D. Shults, Tennessee Division of Radiological Health, e-mail to K. Ramsey, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "EA for NFS Exemption," May 12, 2006, ADAMS No. ML061350156.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact:

Pursuant to 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has considered the environmental consequences of amending NRC Materials License SNM-124 to grant a one-time exemption from the physical inventory deadline for strategic special nuclear material in the BPF. On the basis of this EA, the NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an EIS for the proposed amendment.

IV. Further Information

The documents referenced in this notice may be made available to interested parties pursuant to a protective order and subject to applicable security requirements upon a showing that the party has an interest that may be affected by the proposed action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of May 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gary S. Janosko,

Chief, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Charter Renewal of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa (TACA); Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the charter and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: On March 27, 2006, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) renewed the charter of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa (TACA), for a four-year term to expire on March 27, 2010. The TACA advises the USTR on trade and development policy matters with respect to the countries of sub-Saharan Africa. There are currently opportunities for membership on this Committee.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, nominations for current vacancies should be received not later than June 25, 2006. Nominations will be accepted after June 25 until the

expiration of the charter term on March 27, 2010, for appointments made on a rolling basis as vacancies arise.

ADDRESSES: Submission by electronic mail: FR0616@ustr.eop.gov. Submissions by facsimile: Lois Stith, Program Assistant, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs & Public Liaison, at (202) 395-4827. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Constance Hamilton, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for African Affairs, (202) 395-9514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155), and section 14 of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has renewed the charter of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa.

Background

Section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155), established a private-sector trade advisory system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. Section 135(a)(2) directs the President to:

seek information and advice from representative elements of the private sector and the non-Federal governmental sector with respect to

(A) Negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement under [title I of the Trade Act of 1974 and section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002];

(B) The operation of any trade agreement once entered into, including preparation for dispute settlement panel proceedings to which the United States is a party; and

(C) Other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States* * *

Section 135(c)(1) of the 1974 Trade Act provides that:

[t]he President may establish individual general policy advisory committees for industry, labor, agriculture, services, investment, defense, and other interests, as appropriate, to provide general policy advice on matters referred to in subsection (a) of this section. Such committees shall, insofar as is practicable, be representative of all industry, labor, agricultural, service, investment, defense, and other interests, respectively, including small business interests, and shall be organized by the United States Trade Representative and the Secretaries of Commerce, Defense, Labor, Agriculture, the Treasury, or other executive departments, as

appropriate. The members of such committees shall be appointed by the United States Trade Representative in consultation with such Secretaries.

Section 14 of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 directs the President to convene the TACA "in order to facilitate the goals and objectives of the African Growth and Opportunity Act and this Act, and to maintain ongoing discussions with African trade and agricultural ministries and private sector organizations on issues of mutual concern, including regional and international trade concerns and World Trade Organization issues."

Pursuant to these provisions, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) renewed the charter of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa (TACA) on March 27, 2006.

Functions

The duties of the TACA are to provide the President, through the USTR, with policy advice on issues involving trade and development in sub-Saharan Africa. The TACA is expected to meet an average of two to three times a year in Washington, DC.

Membership

Members serve without compensation and are responsible for all expenses incurred to attend the meetings. TACA members are appointed by the USTR. Appointments are made at the chartering of the TACA and periodically throughout the four-year charter term. Members serve at the discretion of the USTR. Appointments to the TACA expire at the end of the TACA's charter term, in this case, March 27, 2010.

Eligibility

Eligibility for membership on the TACA is limited to U.S. citizens who are not full-time employees of a governmental entity and are not registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Members will represent a U.S. entity engaged in issues relevant to trade and development in sub-Saharan Africa that (a) is directly engaged in the import or export of goods or that sells its services abroad, or (b) is an association of such entities. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a "U.S. entity" is an organization (1) incorporated in the United States (or, if unincorporated, having its headquarters or principal place of business in the United States), and (2) controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity. An entity is not a U.S. entity if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is

controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities. If the nominee is to represent an entity or corporation with ten percent or greater non-U.S. ownership, the nominee must demonstrate at the time of nomination that this ownership interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as a trade advisor to the United States government. In addition to the industry representatives, the TACA may include representatives of nongovernmental organizations involved in trade and development issues regarding sub-Saharan Africa. Sub-Saharan Africa trade and development experts must represent a U.S. entity engaged in issues relevant to the work of the TACA. A nongovernmental organization is a "U.S. entity" if the organization is (1) incorporated in the United States (or, if unincorporated, having its headquarters in the United States), (2) at least 50 percent of the organization's annual revenue is attributable to nongovernmental U.S. sources; and (3) more than 50 percent of its Board of Directors or membership is made up of U.S. citizens. If the nominee is to represent an organization more than ten percent of whose Board of Directors or membership is made up of non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities, the nominee must be prepared to demonstrate at the time of nomination that this non-U.S. interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as a trade advisor to the United States.

Members are selected to represent their respective sponsoring U.S. entity's interests on sub-Saharan African trade matters, and thus nominees are considered foremost based upon their ability to carry out the goals of section 135(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Other criteria are the nominee's knowledge of and expertise in international trade issues as relevant to the work of the TACA and that representation on the TACA is balanced in terms of sectors, demographics, and other interests. Additionally, USTR may appoint members expert in a relevant subject matter to serve in an individual capacity. Appointments to the TACA are made without regard to political affiliation.

All TACA members must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance.

Application Procedures

In order to facilitate the prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions to FR0616@ustr.eop.gov in response to this

notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile. Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "Trade Advisory Committee for Africa Nomination". Documents should be submitted as WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

For consideration, a nominee should send (1) a sponsor letter, (2) a résumé, with demonstrated knowledge of international trade and development issues with respect to sub-Saharan Africa, and (3) company or organization information to the e-mail address or facsimile number indicated above. Sponsor letters must be on the company or organization letterhead. Company or organization information must address the activities, products, or services of the U.S. entity to be represented and certify that the entity is a U.S. entity as defined in the Eligibility section above.

Florizelle Liser,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for African Affairs.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Statement of Claimant or Other Person.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-93.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0183.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 09/30/2006.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 900.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 900.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 225.

(10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, pertinent information and proofs must be submitted by an applicant so that the Railroad Retirement Board can determine his or her entitlement to benefits. The collection obtains information supplementing or changing information previously provided by an applicant.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312-751-3363) or Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Nonresident Questionnaire.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* RRB-1001.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0145.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* July 31, 2006.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,300.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 1,300.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 650.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act, the benefits payable to an annuitant living outside the United States may be subject to withholding under Public Laws 98-21 and 98-76. The form obtains the

information needed to determine the amount to be withheld.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363) or Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 71 FR 28892, May 18, 2006.

STATUS: Closed meeting.

PLACE: 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Monday, May 22, 2006, at 11 a.m. and Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 2 p.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional items.

The Commission considered the following item during the closed meeting scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2006: Settlement of an injunctive action.

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. 552(b)(5), (7), (9)(B), (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), (9)(ii), and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The post-argument discussion previously announced for Monday, May 22, 2006 will be considered during the closed meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2006.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above changes and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

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