

meeting will conclude with general discussion.

If, in the course of the open session discussion, it becomes necessary for the Council to discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Council will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, submitted with grant applications, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from the Office of Communications, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, at 202/682-5570.

Dated: June 19, 2006.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Notice of Consideration of Unsolicited Grant Proposals and Intent To Publish Regulations

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy.

SUMMARY: The Director provides through this notice information concerning the receipt by the National Institute for Literacy (the Institute) of four unsolicited grant proposals, the process under which the Institute will consider the proposals, the intention of the Institute to publish regulations to govern future grant competitions and consideration of future unsolicited grant proposals, and the intention of the Institute not to accept additional unsolicited grant proposals until final regulations have been published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Institute is authorized under 20 U.S.C. 9252(c)(1) to carry out a number of activities to improve and expand the system for the delivery of literacy services. To assist in carrying out these activities, the Institute may award grants to individuals, public or private institutions, agencies, organizations, or consortia of such institutions, agencies, or organizations (20 U.S.C. 9252(c)(2)). In addition, the Institute is authorized under 20 U.S.C. 6367 to carry out information dissemination responsibilities with respect to scientifically based reading research.

In the past, the Institute, which is administered under the terms of an interagency agreement entered into by the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services (the Interagency Group), has adopted provisions of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) for purposes of grant competitions and grant awards. However, the Institute has determined that it would be beneficial for potential grantees to have regulations specifically applicable to the Institute's grants process. The Institute believes that having its own set of regulations would reflect the Institute's purposes more clearly and therefore provide better guidance to potential applicants and improve the overall efficiency and consistency of its grants management process. Therefore, the Institute is currently preparing regulations to govern future grant awards to authorized entities. In the meantime, the Institute has received four unsolicited proposals that are awaiting consideration. The Director does not wish to postpone the consideration of these proposals further; therefore, for the sole purpose of considering these unsolicited proposals, the Director adopts the regulations in part 75 of EDGAR (34 CFR part 75) applicable to unsolicited proposals, including 34 CFR 75.210(b), 75.211, 75.219, and 75.222. Finally, the Director is hereby providing notice that the Institute will accept no further submissions of unsolicited

proposals until it has prepared and published final regulations.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9252.

Dated: June 16, 2006.

Sandra Baxter,

Director, National Institute for Literacy.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8903]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for Homestake Mining Company, Grants, NM

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Linton, Project Manager, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone: (301) 415-7777; fax number: (301) 415-5955; e-mail: rcl1@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposes to issue a license amendment for License Condition 35 (background water quality concentrations for ground water compliance monitoring), to Materials License SUA-1471, for the Homestake Mining Company (HMC), Grants, New

Mexico uranium mill site. The purpose of this amendment is to revise several current ground water protection standards based on a more extensive data set (temporal and spacial) of background water quality in the upper most (alluvial) aquifer. In addition, this amendment will include establishing new ground water protection standards for several constituents in the alluvial aquifer; the Upper, Middle, and Lower Chinle non-mixing zones; and the Chinle mixing zone. Presently, three alluvial aquifer monitor wells have been designated as point of compliance wells for existing ground water protection standards. Designation of additional point of compliance wells for the alluvial aquifer and the Chinle non-mixing and mixing zones will be addressed in a revised Corrective Action Plan, to be submitted by HMC no later than December 31, 2006. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this amendment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The amendment will be issued following the publication of this Notice.

II. EA Summary

The staff has prepared the EA in support of the proposed license amendment. Since this action relates to ground water, the primary focus of the evaluation of potential environmental impacts relates to ground water. For several of the constituents of interest, including uranium and selenium, the proposed ground water quality standards are higher than the existing standards. With respect to uranium and selenium, both the current and proposed ground water protection standards exceed their respective Safe Drinking Water Act maximum contaminant levels; therefore, post-restoration treatment to meet Federal potable water quality limits will be necessary. Since the proposed standards are higher, the cost of post-restoration treatment to meet Federal water quality limits under the proposed amendment may be higher. However, it is recognized that the proposed ground water quality standards represent the ambient (background) chemical quality of the ground water flowing into (and eventually downgradient) of the mill site from upgradient areas and these higher background levels are not related to milling activities. In addition, staff

has concluded that there would be no effect to the following resources: visual resources, vegetation and soils, ambient air quality, and transportation. Staff has also determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on cultural or historic resources.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for amendment 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 can 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 as follows:

| Document | ADAMS Accession No. | Date |
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| Environmental Restoration Group Statistical Evaluation of Alluvial Ground Water Quality Upgradient of the Homestake Site Near Grants, New Mexico. | ML020080071 | 12/31/01 |
| | ML020080076 | |
| | ML020080104 | |
| | ML020350348 | |
| Environmental Restoration Group Statistical Evaluation of the Chinle Aquifer Quality at Homestake Site Near Grants, New Mexico. | ML033140226 | 10/31/03 |
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| Homestake Mining Company and Hydro-Engineering Background Water Quality Evaluation of Chinle Aquifers. | ML033140212 | 10/31/03 |
| | ML033140215 | |
| | ML033140218 | |
| | ML033140223 | |
| | ML033160201 | |
| | ML033160203 | |
| | ML033160207 | |
| | ML033160213 | |
| Homestake Mining Company—HMC's response to New Mexico Environment Department Comments .. | ML060790062 | 6/9/05 |
| Homestake Mining Company—Revised Ground Water Protection Standards | ML060250273 | 1/19/06 |
| NRC's EA for Homestake's Proposed Revisions to Ground Water Protection Standards | ML061450327 | 6/06/06 |

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 16th day of June, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment to Source Materials License No. Sma-1018, Approving the Final Status Survey Plan for Section 2 of the Whittaker Corporation's Facility in Transfer, PA

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.