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Note that this is an initial opportunity for public input to the strategic planning process; additional opportunities are expected as the plan is developed.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 27, 2008, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of permit applications received. A permit was issued on July

21, 2008 to: Terrie M. Williams; Permit No. 2009-005.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-11209]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Amendment of Byproduct Materials License No. 21-16544-01, for Unrestricted Release of a Facility in Ann Arbor, MI

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend Byproduct Materials License No. 21-16544-01. This license is held by the Department of Commerce (the Licensee) for its Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory facility located at 2205 Commonwealth Boulevard, Ann Arbor, Michigan (the Facility). Issuance of the amendment would authorize release of the Facility for unrestricted use. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated September 19, 2007. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51 (10 CFR part 51). Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The amendment will be issued to the Licensee following the publication of this FONSI and EA in the **Federal Register**.

II. Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Licensee's September 19, 2007, license amendment request, resulting in release of the Facility for unrestricted use. License No. 21-16544-01 was issued on July 8, 1975, pursuant to 10 CFR part 30, and has been amended periodically since that time. The license authorizes the use of byproduct materials for in-vitro laboratory research studies and neutron activation studies on soil samples. The Licensee ceased using licensed materials in the Facility in 2007. The Licensee has conducted final status surveys of the Facility. The results of these surveys along with other supporting information were provided to the NRC to demonstrate that the criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR part 20 for unrestricted release have been met.

Need for the Proposed Action

The Licensee has ceased conducting licensed activities at the Facility and seeks the unrestricted use of its Facility.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The historical review of licensed activities conducted at the Facility shows that such activities involved use of the following radionuclides with half-lives greater than 120 days: Hydrogen-3, carbon-14, antimony-125, cadmium-109, calcium-45, cerium-144, cesium-134, cesium-137, chlorine-36, cobalt-60, iodine-129, iron-55, manganese-54, polonium-209, polonium-210, radium-226, silver-100m, sodium-22, and zinc-65. Prior to performing the final status survey, the Licensee conducted decontamination activities, as necessary, in the areas of the Facility affected by these radionuclides.

The Licensee completed final status surveys on the Facility on June 28, 2007. The surveys covered all areas of the Facility. The final status survey report was attached to the Licensee's amendment request dated September 19, 2007. The Licensee elected to demonstrate compliance with the radiological criteria for unrestricted release as specified in 10 CFR 20.1402 by using the screening values described in NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance," Volume 2 as the radionuclide-specific derived concentration guideline levels (DCGLs). These values provide acceptable levels of surface contamination to demonstrate compliance with the NRC requirements in Subpart E of 10 CFR part 20 for unrestricted release. The Licensee's final status survey results were below these values and are in compliance with