

joint contention, for which one of the co-sponsoring requesters/petitioners is designated the lead representative. Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(f)(3), any requester/petitioner that wishes to adopt a contention proposed by another requester/petitioner must do so, in accordance with the E-Filing rule, within ten days of the date that the contention is filed, and designate a representative who shall have the authority to act for the requester/petitioner.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(g), a request for hearing and/or petition for leave to intervene may also address the selection of the hearing procedures, taking into account the provisions of 10 CFR 2.310.

### III. 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 documents related to this action are listed below, along with their ADAMS accession numbers:

1. Hypervelocity Gun Facility Decommissioning Assessment, ADAMS Accession No. ML070330468 and
2. Hypervelocity Gun Facility Decommissioning Plan, ADAMS Accession No. ML081640631.

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Dated at Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA, this 27th day of March, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-1257; NRC-2009-0147]

### Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for AREVA NP, Inc., Richland, WA

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-1227 for the continued operation of the AREVA NP, Inc. Fuel Fabrication Facility located in Richland, Washington. This renewal authorizes the licensee to receive and possess nuclear materials at the Richland facility to fabricate and assemble nuclear fuel components under the provisions of 10 CFR part 70, Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material. If NRC approves the renewal of the license, the term would cover 40 years. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action 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. If approved, NRC will issue the renewed license following the publication of this notice.

#### II. EA Summary

The licensee requests approval to renew SNM-1227 for an additional 40 years at the Richland, Washington facility. Specifically, this would allow AREVA NP to continue manufacturing and assembling nuclear fuel components for use in commercial light-water-cooled nuclear reactors. On October 24, 2006, AREVA NP requested that NRC approve the proposed amendment. AREVA NP's request for the proposed change was previously noticed in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 2007 (72 FR 12202), with a

Notice of an Opportunity to Request a Hearing.

The staff has prepared the EA in support of the proposed license renewal. Staff considered 12 environmental impacts in their evaluation, including: Land use; transportation; socioeconomic; air quality; water quality; geology and soils; ecology; noise; historic and cultural; scenic and visual; public and occupational health; and waste management. All of the environmental impacts were small, with the exception of transportation. NRC staff considered the transportation long-term and cumulative impacts as small-to-moderate based on projected population growth estimates and anticipated development of residential communities and commercial lands. The regional government and industry collaboratively plan the area's future transportation system to minimize traffic impacts. NRC considers that the proactive planning efforts will keep the impact small. A brief summary of the other environmental resources follows. The license renewal request does not require altering the site footprint nor does it change the operating processes of the existing facility, therefore there are no anticipated impacts in land use, noise, historic and cultural, scenic and visual, and site ecology resources. The proposed action will not adversely affect federal or state-listed threatened or endangered species nor flora and fauna in the site vicinity. AREVA NP is a major business that contributes a positive benefit towards the region's socioeconomic. Airborne and liquid effluent monitoring indicates readings below regulatory 10 CFR part 20 limits for non-radiological and radiological contaminants. Public and occupational exposures are below the limit established in 10 CFR part 20. AREVA NP maintains acceptable waste management practices and procedures. The staff concluded that the proposed 40 year renewal of license SNM-1227 will not result in a significant impact to the environment.

NRC staff consulted with other agencies regarding the proposed action, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation [i.e. the State Historic Preservation Office], the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation [i.e., one of the two local Tribal Historic Preservation Offices], and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The consultations ensured that the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act were met and provided the designated state liaison agency the opportunity to comment on the proposed action.

### 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

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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:

Document	ADAMS Accession No.
License Renewal—Letter .....	ML063110083
—Application .....	ML063110089
—Environmental Report .....	ML063110087
NRC Letters to Confederate Tribes & Bands of Yakama Nation .....	ML073370055
	ML082470386
	ML090440136
NRC Letters to Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation .....	ML080250134
	ML082610765
	ML090440128
NRC Letter to Washington State SHPO .....	ML073100238
	ML082470310
	ML090430370
NRC Letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service .....	ML073100164
	ML082470214
Request for Additional Information (RAI) and Responses .....	ML080600457/
	ML080640145
	ML081300403
	ML082330600
Tribal letters to NRC .....	ML080790549
	ML081620577
State Historic Preservation Office, letter to NRC .....	ML080560066
	ML082880314
Washington Department of Ecology letter to NRC .....	ML083040124
USFWS correspondence with NRC .....	ML090720616
	ML090720623
	ML090720581
Environmental Assessment .....	ML090700258

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of March 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NRC will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) on May 7-8, 2009. A sample of agenda items to be discussed during the public session includes: (1) Summary of the enforcement process and enforcement actions against medical licensees; (2) regulatory responsibilities of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; (3) ACMUI subcommittee report on byproduct material events; (4) ACMUI subcommittee report on training and experience for yttrium-90 microspheres users; (5) National Academy of Science report on the production of medical isotopes using highly enriched uranium and low enriched uranium; (6) briefing on the Veterans Affairs medical events;

(7) infiltrations of therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals as medical events; (8) National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements Report 160 "Ionizing Radiation Exposure of the Population of the United States" and its implications for NRC programs; (9) ACMUI subcommittee report on training and experience for American Board of Radiology certification; (10) medical event reporting to the International Nuclear Event Scale; and (11) potential changes to 10 CFR Part 35. A copy of the agenda will be available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/agenda> or by e-mailing Ms. Ashley Cockerham at the contact information below.

**Purpose:** Discuss issues related to 10 CFR Part 35 Medical Use of Byproduct Material.

**Date and Time for Closed Session:** May 7, 2009, from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This session will be closed so that ACMUI can complete self-evaluations, discuss internal Committee business, and prepare for a meeting with the Commission.