Finding of No Significant Impact

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, ''Finding of No Significant Impact,'' and 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.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated October 19, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), Accession No. ML102980142). This document may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records are accessible electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Library on the internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.*

Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, or send an e-mail to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.*

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of October 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2009–0435]

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed License Renewal for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. in Erwin, TN

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a final environmental assessment (EA) regarding the proposed renewal of NRC special nuclear material license SNM–124 (License SNM–124), which authorizes operations at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) fuel fabrication facility in Erwin, Tennessee. On June 30, 2009, NFS submitted to the NRC an application requesting that License SNM–124 be renewed for a 40-year period. The EA makes a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: You can access publicly available documents related to this document using the following methods:

• *NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):* The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents related to the NFS facility and license renewal at the NRC's PDR, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852. Members of the public can contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by calling 1–800–397–4209, by faxing a request to 301–415–3548, or by e-mail to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.* Hard copies of the documents are available from the PDR for a fee.

• *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. From this Web site, the following documents related to the NRC's environmental review can be obtained by entering the accession numbers provided:

The NFS license renewal application (ADAMS Accession Number: ML091880040) and the accompanying environmental report (ADAMS Accession Number: ML091900072);

The NRC request for additional information (ADAMS Accession Number: ML100680426);

The NFS response providing additional information (ADAMS Accession Number: ML101590160); and

The NRC Final EA (ADAMS Accession Number: ML112560265).

Additionally, copies of the EA will be available at the following public libraries:

Unicoi County Public Library, 201 Nolichucky Avenue, Erwin, Tennessee 37650–1239. 423–743–6533.

Jonesborough Branch, Washington County Library, 200 Sabin Drive, Jonesborough, Tennessee 37659–1306. 423–753–1800.

Greeneville/Green County Public Library, 210 North Main Street, Greeneville, Tennessee 37745–3816. 423–638–5034.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the EA or the environmental review process, please contact James Park, *telephone:* 301–415–6935; *e-mail: James.Park@nrc.gov.* For general or technical information associated with the ongoing safety review of the NFS license renewal application, please contact Kevin Ramsey, *telephone:* 301–492–3123; *e-mail: Kevin.Ramsey@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 30, 2009, NFS submitted its license renewal application and accompanying environmental report (ER) to the NRC. On October 6, 2009, the NRC provided notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 51323) of its receipt of the license renewal application and also noticed an opportunity to request a hearing on the application. No requests for a hearing were received. Under the conditions of License SNM–124, NFS operates a nuclear fuel fabrication facility located in Erwin, Tennessee. If granted as requested, the renewed license would allow NFS to continue operations and activities at the site for a 40-year period that would begin with issuance of the renewed license.

The NRC staff's environmental review of the proposed 40-year license renewal is documented in the EA, in accordance with NRC regulations at Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 51, which implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The EA also follows NRC staff guidance in NUREG–1748, ''Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs.'' The EA identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action, and reasonable alternatives. The NRC staff has determined that renewal of License SNM–124 for a 40-year period would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and the EA thus makes a FONSI. The NRC staff further finds that preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed action is not warranted.

The NRC staff published for public comment a draft EA for the proposed action on October 15, 2010 (75 FR 63519). The NRC staff accepted comments on the draft EA until December 31, 2010, and hosted a meeting in Erwin, Tennessee on October 26, 2010, to accept oral and written public comments. Comments were identified from the transcript of statements made at the public meeting, and from letters and e-mails submitted by members of the public. Appendix B of the Final EA includes summaries of

the approximately 375 individual comments identified, and the NRC staff's responses to those comments. The NRC staff revised the draft EA in response to some of the comments.

Preparation of the EA is part of the NRC's process to decide whether to renew the NFS license, pursuant to 10 CFR parts 20 and 70, and thus authorize continued operations at the NFS facility. In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR part 70, the current license authorizes NFS to receive, possess, store, use, and ship special nuclear material enriched up to 100 percent. Under the proposed action, NFS would continue production of reactor fuel for the U.S. Navy, and for commercial domestic operations.

In addition to the NFS proposed action to renew its license for 40 years, the NRC staff analyzed two alternatives: (1) The no-action alternative; and (2) renewing the NFS license for 10 years. Under the no-action alternative, NRC would not renew License SNM–124, and operations at the NFS site would no longer be authorized. NFS then would be required under 10 CFR 70.38 to submit a detailed site-wide decommissioning plan, and facility decommissioning would begin upon NRC approval of that plan.

Regarding the 10-year license renewal alternative, the potential transportation and waste management impacts of this alternative to the proposed action are addressed in the EA. The magnitude of these expected impacts are one-fourth of those projected over the proposed 40-year license renewal period. As shown in the first table below, the local transportation impacts are rated as moderate and the overall transportation impacts are rated as small for both the 10-year and the 40-year proposed license renewal periods. The potential waste management impacts are rated as small for both the 10-year and the 40-year proposed license renewal periods.

The NRC staff did not separately address the 10-year alternative for the other resource areas evaluated in the EA, because the staff determined that the types of potential environmental impacts associated with site operations during the proposed 40-year license renewal period would be the same as those during a 10-year license renewal period.

Additionally, for the 10-year alternative, the NRC staff does not consider the potential impacts from NFS discharges of effluents that are in compliance with 10 CFR part 20 annual regulatory limits (and discharges that are in compliance with the permit conditions issued by other Federal, State, or local agencies) to differ either in type or in magnitude with the potential impacts for the requested 40-year period. The annual regulatory limits in 10 CFR part 20 and the respective permit conditions are protective of public health and safety and the environment. Discharges in compliance with those limits and conditions would thus not be expected to pose undue cumulative risks to human health and the environment.

In response to comments on the draft EA, impacts from site decommissioning are evaluated in the final EA for the proposed action and the 10-year alternative, in addition to the no-action alternative. In doing so, the NRC staff recognizes that site decommissioning will be a reasonably foreseeable future action for the NFS facility and site. In conducting its evaluation, the staff also recognized that continued operations over 40 years or 10 years has the potential for increased site contamination that would need to be addressed in the detailed site decommissioning plan that NFS will be required to submit for NRC review when NFS decides to permanently cease its licensed operations. In further response to comments, the issue of cancer risk is discussed in the final EA's section on potential public health impacts.

The tables below list the resource areas evaluated in the EA, and provide the findings regarding the potential environmental impacts for each of the three alternatives. In accordance with Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1508.27), the significance of potential impacts of the proposed action have been determined by examining their context and intensity. Context is related to the affected region, the affected interests, and the locality, while intensity refers to the severity of the impact, which is based on a number of considerations. In evaluating the significance of potential impacts, the NRC staff in the EA used the following significance levels identified in NUREG–1748, which account for context and intensity:

- Small—environmental effects are not detectable or are so minor that they will neither destabilize nor noticeably alter any important attribute of the resource;
- Moderate—environmental effects are sufficient to alter noticeably, but not to destabilize, important attributes of the resource; or
- Large—environmental effects are clearly noticeable and are sufficient to destabilize important attributes of the resource.

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM OPERATIONS

Resource area	Proposed action	10-Year renewal	No-action
Land Use	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL.
Transportation	SMALL (overall) MODERATE (local).	SMALL (overall) MODERATE (local).	SMALL.
Socioeconomics	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL to MODERATE.
Air Quality	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Water Resources—Surface Water	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Water Resources—Groundwater	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL.
Geology & Soils	SMALL (geology) SMALL to MODERATE (soils).	SMALL (geology) SMALL to MODERATE (soils).	SMALL (geology) SMALL to MODERATE (soils).
Ecology	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Noise	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Historic & Cultural	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Scenic & Visual	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Public & Occupational Health	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Public & Occupational Health—Accidents.	MODERATE	MODERATE	SMALL.
Waste Management	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM DECOMMISSIONING

Resource area	Proposed action	10-Year renewal	No-action
Land Use	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE.
Transportation	SMALL (overall) MODERATE (local).	SMALL (overall) MODERATE (local).	SMALL (overall) MODERATE (local).
Socioeconomics	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE.
Air Quality	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Water Resources—Surface Water	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE.
Water Resources—Groundwater	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE.
Geology & Soils	SMALL (geology) SMALL to MODERATE (soils).	SMALL (geology) SMALL to MODERATE (soils).	SMALL (geology) SMALL to MODERATE (soils).
Ecology	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE.
Noise	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE.
Historic & Cultural	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Scenic & Visual	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE.
Public & Occupational Health	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL.
Public & Occupational Health—Accidents.	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE	SMALL to MODERATE.
Waste Management	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE.

Based on its review of the proposed action relative to the requirements set forth in 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has determined that renewal of License SNM–124, for a period of 40 years would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. In its license renewal request, NFS is proposing no changes in how it processes enriched uranium, and no significant changes in NFS' authorized operations are planned during the proposed license renewal period. The impacts of ongoing and planned construction actions—including those related to the physical protection and safeguarding of licensed materials—are not expected to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Gaseous emissions and liquid effluents generated by the NFS facility are presently controlled and monitored by permit, and would continue to be required to meet regulatory limits for non-radiological and radiological components. Public and occupational radiological dose exposures that would be generated by continued NFS facility operations would continue to be required to meet 10 CFR part 20 regulatory limits. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31 and 51.32, the NRC staff concludes that a FONSI is appropriate, and that preparation of an EIS is not warranted for the proposed action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of October, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Christopher McKenney,

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2012–11; Order No. 910]

Post Office Closing

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Ardenvoir, Washington, post office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioners, and others to take appropriate action.

DATES: *Administrative record due (from Postal Service):* October 28, 2011; *deadline for notices to intervene:* November 14, 2011, 4:30 p.m., eastern time. *See* the Procedural Schedule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for other dates of interest.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the ''Filing Online'' link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (*http://www.prc.gov*) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at *https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx.* Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820 (case-related information) or *DocketAdmins@prc.gov* (electronic filing assistance).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), on October 13, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Ardenvoir post office in Ardenvoir, Washington. The petition for review was filed by Christine Mallon (Petitioner) and is postmarked September 30, 2011. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and establishes Docket No. A2012–11 to consider Petitioner's appeal. If Petitioner would like to further explain her position with supplemental information or facts, Petitioner may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission no later than November 17, 2011.

Issues apparently raised. Petitioner contends that: (1) The Postal Service failed to consider the effect of the closing on the community (*see* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(i)); and (2) the Postal Service failed to consider whether or not it will continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community (*see* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iii)).

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above, or that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record with the Commission is October 28, 2011. *See* 39 CFR 3001.113. In addition, the due date for any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this Notice is October 28, 2011.

Availability; Web site posting. The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at *http://www.prc.gov.* Additional filings in this case and participants'