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Subject: Re: §20.1403(d), Public Coordination Timing

Tom, In my last reply, I should have also mentioned that I have recently reviewed NRC's rulemaking, Timeliness in Decommissioning of Materials Facilities (59 Fed. Reg. 36026, published July 15, 1994, effective August 14, 1994). Its preamble seems to indicate that separate buildings and outdoor areas must be decommissioned where licensed activities have ceased while licensed activities continue to be conducted at other site locations. Decommissioning should begin within 24 months of these separate buildings and outdoor areas becoming inactive. This would appear to indicate that it may not be the licensee's option to wait to decommission the entire site at one time, even on an old facility. Comments? Hygie

>>> "Thomas O'Brien" <TJO@nrc.gov> 12/27/00 01:54PM >>>
Hygie-

Sorry about the delay in getting back to you. To better respond to your question, would need to know:

1. If the renewal is requesting the release of any of the sites or use locations specified in the license.
2. Does the Decommissioning Funding Plan account for the accumulating waste?

Thanks-

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Tom, We are currently reviewing a license renewal application from an old licensee, where they indicate that they will be going for restricted release when they decommission and terminate the license. They have been disposing of a depleted uranium catalyst on-site for quite some time. They have some previously closed cells and an active cell where they are currently disposing of catalyst. They will probably not be ceasing operations and requesting license termination for quite some time, possibly more than 100 years or several hundred years from now.

Under §20.1403(d), should this licensee be coordinating its decommissioning planning with individuals and institutions in the community now, at this license renewal, or after it has notified us that it intends to cease operations and it is doing its detailed decommissioning planning?

A quick reply would be appreciated if you can provide it. Thanks, Hygie, (512) 239-6825