

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 040-07455]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Whittaker Corporation's Greenville, Pennsylvania, Site, and Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of an amendment of Source Material License No. SMA-1018, issued to Whittaker Corporation, Inc., to consolidate existing contaminated materials at its Greenville, Pennsylvania, site to a centralized location at this site and partially decommission the remediated areas.

In a letter dated May 24, 1995, the licensee requested that License No. SMA-1018 be amended to authorized the planned relocation of contaminated materials. The amendment would authorize the licensee to consolidate the waste to a centralized location in accordance with the Decommissioning Work Plan and partially remediate and decommission select locations of the Whittaker Corporation's Greenville, Pennsylvania, site.

Radioactive contamination of the Whittaker Corporation's Greenville site resulted from the processing of ferro-columbium and ferro-nickel alloys by an aluminothermic melting process. The columbium ores and nickel scrap used in this process contained natural thorium and uranium. Concentrations of Ra-226 have also been noted in some of the waste slag. Manufacturing operations occurred from the 1960's through 1974.

The NRC will require the licensee to meet NRC's decommissioning criteria for those areas proposed to be released for unrestricted use. During remediation activities the licensee will also be required to maintain radiation exposures

and effluents within NRC's radiation protection limits and as low as reasonably achievable.

Prior to the issuance of the proposed amendment, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on a application for a license amendment falling within the scope of Subpart L, Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings of NRC's rules and practices for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to §2.1205 (a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding, may file a request for a hearing in accordance with §2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be file within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

- (1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or
- (2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555. Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

- (1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

- (2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in §2.1205(g);
- (3) The requestor's area of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
- (4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with §2.1025(c).

In accordance with 10 CFR §2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

- (1) The applicant, Whittaker Corporation, 1955 N. Surveyor Avenue, Simi Valley California 93063-3386, Attention: Mr. Richard Levin, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, and
- (2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L.

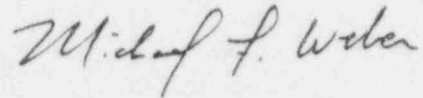
For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's request for license amendment dated May 24, 1995, which is available for public inspection and copying at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20555.

For additional information, contact Donna S. Moser, Health Physicist, Materials Decommissioning Section, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning

Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material
Safety and Safeguards. (301) 415-6753.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of October 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael F. Weber".

Michael F. Weber, Chief
Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
Projects Branch
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FROM:

Michael F. Weber, Chief
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SUBJECT:

PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT
REQUEST FOR DECOMMISSIONING THE WHITTAKER CORPORATION'S
GREENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, SITE

Attached please find one signed original of the subject Federal Register
notice for your transmittal to the Office of the Federal Register for
publication. Also, attached are five copies of the signed notice and a 3.5"
diskette with the notice in WordPerfect.

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Attachments: As stated

Contact: D.S. Moser, NMSS/DWM
415-6753

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