

The request from Envirocare, if granted by NRC, would allow 11e.(2) byproduct material with higher concentrations of Ra-226 to be disposed of at the facility. It would allow the higher activity material to be containerized and disposed of in containers that will not meet the existing 12 inch layering requirement.

The staff will review Envirocare's request for conformance with 10 CFR parts 20 and 40, using NUREG-1620, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of a Reclamation Plan for Mill Tailings Sites Under Title II of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act" and other applicable agency regulations and guidance. If NRC approves Envirocare's request, the approval will be documented in an amendment to Envirocare's license. However, before approving the request, NRC will need to make the findings required by the AEA and NRC regulations. These findings will be documented in a Technical Evaluation Report and either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for an amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings" of NRC's rules and practice 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(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within 30 days of the 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 Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Commission at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Because of continuing disruptions in the delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that requests for hearing also be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101, or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

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

(1) The applicant, Envirocare of Utah, Inc., 605 North 5600 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Office of the General Counsel, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays, or by mail addressed to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Because of continuing disruptions in the delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that requests for hearing also be transmitted to the Office of the General Counsel, either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725, or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.

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;
- (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(h);
- (3) The requestor's areas 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 § 2.1205(d).

III. Further Information

The application for the license amendment and the request to revise the License Application are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. [ADAMS Accession No. ML031000416] Documents may also be examined and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20854. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Myron Fliegel, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T8-A33, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6629.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of May, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Eric J. Leeds,

Deputy Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Meeting on Regulatory Oversight of the Potential High-Level Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain, NV

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting in Tecopa, California.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will hold a public meeting to discuss regulatory oversight of the potential high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The meeting is intended to foster a common understanding among the stakeholders on safety and regulatory issues, should the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submit a license application to the NRC for a possible geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The meeting will be facilitated by Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, NRC.

The meeting is primarily to acquaint the public with the NRC's oversight of a potential high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. It will include an overview of NRC's responsibilities and preparations for evaluating the safety of a potential repository, including the protection of groundwater; and conclude with an overview of the NRC's role with respect to the transportation and security of spent nuclear fuel. Several opportunities for questions will be provided. In addition, members of the NRC staff will be available for informal discussion with members of the public. The date, time, and location of the public meeting is shown below.

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 4, 2003, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Pacific time).

Place: Tecopa Community Center, Hot Springs Road, Tecopa, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, or by telephone: (301) 415-1642 or e-mail: fxc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 8th day of May, 2003.