

application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Applicant

[Permit Application No. 2004-011]

William Gilmore, Environmental Manager, Raytheon Polar Services Company, 7400 South Tucson, MS29, Centennial, CO 80112-3938.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant proposes to enter the Cape Crozier Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPA #124) to remove debris collected from the old campsite last season. In addition, the application plans annual visits to the campsite at Cape Crozier to conduct an Environmental Field Camp audit and document the camp's environmental footprint, as well as compliance with applicable waste and environmental, health and safety protocols. Each season audits are conducted to ensure that research activities comply with environmental impact assessment requirements.

Location

ASPA #124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island.

Dates

October 1, 2003 to February 28, 2007.

2. Applicant

[Permit Application No. 2004-012]

David Caron, 3616 Trousdale Parkway, AHF 301, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0371.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Introduction of a non-indigenous plant and importation into the U.S. The applicant proposes to introduce cultures of marine phytoplankton to Antarctica for use in various shipboard experiments to study the feeding rates of Antarctic protistan grazers. There will be no live release of any cultures into Antarctic waters or onto the continent. In addition, the applicant proposes to collect water samples containing marine phytoplankton and microscopic zooplankton for use in experiments, for preservation for future examination, and for developing new cultures. These samples will be transported back to the United States for further study.

Location

At sea in Antarctic waters.

Dates

October 20, 2003 to December 20, 2003.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-06563]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request Mallinckrodt Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and Opportunity for Providing Comments and Requesting a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of amendment request for partial decommissioning and opportunity to provide comments and request a hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John T. Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607, fax number (301) 415-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of a license amendment to Possession Only License No. STB-401, issued to Mallinckrodt Inc., (Mallinckrodt or the licensee), to authorize Phase 2 decommissioning of its former

Columbium-Tantalum (C-T) processing facility in St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 14, 2003, the licensee submitted the C-T Phase 2 Decommissioning Plan (DP) to NRC for review. The Phase 2 DP summarizes the decommissioning activities that will be undertaken to remediate the C-T process building slabs, sewerage, wastewater neutralization basins, and soil affected by C-T processing at the St. Louis, Missouri facility. Radioactive contamination in the soil and debris exists in the form of U-238, U-235, U-234 (and their progeny Th-230 and Ra-226 and others) and Th-232 (and its progeny Ra-228 and Th-228 and others) resulting from licensed operation that occurred from 1961 to 1985. The NRC will require the licensee to remediate the C-T processing facility to meet NRC's decommissioning criteria, and during the decommissioning activities, to maintain effluents and doses within NRC requirements and as low as reasonably achievable. An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to Mallinckrodt dated July 29, 2003, found the DP acceptable to begin a technical review.

If the NRC approves the Phase 2 DP, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. STB-401. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the 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.

II. Opportunity to Provide Comments

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1405, the NRC is providing notice to individuals in the vicinity of the site that the NRC is in receipt of a DP, and will accept comments concerning this decommissioning proposal and its associated environmental impacts. Comments with respect to this action should be provided in writing within 30 days of this notice and addressed to John T. Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607, fax number (301) 415-5398, e-mail: JTB@NRC.gov.

Comments received after 30 days will be considered if practicable to do so, but only those comments received on or before the due date can be assured consideration.