

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC Worldwide Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-5 F52, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at (301)415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at infocollects@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of August, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Issuance of a License Amendment of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Byproduct Material License No. 55-14065-03; Unitime Industries, Inc.

I. Summary

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering terminating Byproduct Material License No. 55-14065-03 to authorize the release of the licensee's facilities in Christiansted, St. Croix for unrestricted use and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of this action.

The NRC has reviewed the results of the final survey of the Unitime facility in Christiansted, St. Croix. Unitime Industries was authorized by the NRC from March 23, 1995, until the present to use manufactured watch dials and

hands containing luminous paint activated with tritium for the manufacture and repair of timepieces. In November 2001, Unitime Industries ceased operations with licensed materials at the Christiansted, St. Croix site, and requested that the NRC terminate the license. Unitime Industries has conducted surveys of the facility and determined that the facility meets the license termination criteria in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has evaluated Unitime's request and the results of the surveys, performed a confirmatory survey, and has developed an EA in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the staff evaluation, the conclusion of the EA is a FONSI on human health and the environment for the proposed licensing action.

II. Environmental Assessment

Introduction

Unitime Industries has requested release, for unrestricted use, of their building located at Parcel 1C, Estate Diamond, Plots 8 and 9, in Christiansted, St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands, as authorized for use by NRC License No. 55-14065-03. License No. 55-14065-03 was issued on March 23, 1995, and amended periodically since that time. NRC-licensed activities performed at the Christiansted, St. Croix site were limited to the service and repair of returned timepieces the incorporation of timepiece self-luminous parts into timepieces. These activities were typically performed on bench tops. No outdoor areas were affected by the use of licensed materials. Licensed activities ceased completely in November 2001, and the licensee requested release of the facilities for unrestricted use. Based on the licensee's historical knowledge of the site and the condition of the facilities, the licensee determined that only routine decontamination activities, in accordance with licensee radiation safety procedures, were required. The licensee surveyed the facility and provided documentation that the facility meets the license termination criteria specified in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination."

The Proposed Action

The proposed action is to terminate NRC Radioactive Materials License Number 55-14065-03 and release the licensee's facilities in Christiansted, St. Croix, for unrestricted use. By letters dated November 30, 2001, February 11, 2002, and July 18, 2003, Unitime Industries provided survey results

which demonstrate that the Christiansted, St. Croix facility is in compliance with the radiological criteria for license termination in Subpart E of 10 CFR Part 20, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination." No further actions will be required on the part of the licensee to remediate the facility.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to release the building located at Parcel 1C, Estate Diamond, Plots 8 and 9, in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, for unrestricted use and to terminate the Unitime Industries materials license. The need for the proposed action is to comply with NRC regulations and the Timeliness Rule. The licensee does not plan to perform any activities with licensed materials at this location. Maintaining the area under a license would reduce options for future use of the property and cause Unitime Industries to continue leasing a building for which it has no more use. NRC is fulfilling its responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act to make a decision on a proposed license amendment for release of facilities for unrestricted use that ensures protection of the public health and safety and environment.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

The only alternative to the proposed action of terminating the license and releasing the Christiansted, St. Croix facility will result in violation of NRC's Timeliness Rule (10 CFR 30.36), which requires licensees to decommission their facilities when licensed activities cease. The licensee does not plan to perform any activities with licensed materials at these locations. Maintaining the areas under a license would also reduce options for future use of the property.

The Affected Environment and Environmental Impacts

The Unitime building is a one story block building. Work with radioactive materials was done on work benches located within several rooms in the building. Watch parts and finished watches were stored in a safe. The building is located within an industrial park.

The NRC staff has reviewed the surveys performed by Unitime Industries to demonstrate compliance with the 10 CFR 20.1402 license termination criteria and has performed a confirmatory survey. Based on its review and the results of the confirmatory survey, the staff has