

elevated level of radioactivity. The NRC's confirmatory survey confirmed that the building exterior and the grounds around the building were not contaminated with radioactive material.

Other than the presence of mercury in the former sump area in the rear of the building as discussed previously, no impacts of a non-radiological nature were identified in connection with the proposed action. No cumulative impacts were identified.

H. Agencies and Persons Consulted and Sources Used

The NRC staff have determined that the proposed action will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, NRC staff have determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The NRC consulted with the State of Wyoming on this EA. The State provided one comment regarding verification of waste disposal. The licensee subsequently provided documentation from the waste broker dated January 3, 2003, confirming that the radioactive wastes had been disposed in a state-licensed commercial waste facility in Richland, Washington.

I. Conclusion

Based on its review, the NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed action do not warrant denial of the license amendment request. The NRC staff believes that the proposed action will result in minimal environmental impacts. The staff has determined that the proposed action, approval of the license amendment request to release the facility for unrestricted use, is the appropriate alternative for selection.

J. List of Preparers

This Environmental Assessment was prepared by Robert Evans, Senior Health Physicist, Fuel Cycle & Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region IV, and reviewed by Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg, Chief, Fuel Cycle & Decommissioning Branch.

K. References

1. Enviro-Test Laboratories' Decommissioning Plan submittal dated October 1, 2002 (ML023190414, ML023190459, ML023190486, ML023190490, ML023190561,

ML023220067, ML023220319, and ML023220321; restricted access due to personal privacy information being included).

2. NRC letter to Enviro-Test Laboratories dated January 28, 2003, Completeness Review of Decommissioning Plan (ML030280684).

3. Enviro-Test Laboratories' Certificate of Disposition of Materials dated January 31, 2003 (ML031750843).

4. Enviro-Test Laboratories' second Decommissioning Plan submittal dated June 2, 2003, Additional Information for Decommissioning Activities (ML031550560, ML031550604, ML031550624, and ML031550645).

5. NRC letter to Enviro-Test Laboratories dated June 11, 2003, Acknowledgment of Receipt of Decommissioning Plan (ML031621024).

6. NRC Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Enviro-Test Laboratories dated June 16, 2003 (ML031671353).

7. Enviro-Test Laboratories' third Decommissioning Plan submittal dated July 18, 2003, Site Closure Plan (ML032030605, ML032030619, ML032030621, ML032030623, ML032050081, and ML032050108).

8. Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education letter to NRC dated August 6, 2003, Revision to Analytical Results for Smear Results (ML032650667).

9. NRC Inspection Report 030-19913/2003-01 dated September 24, 2003 (ML032671377).

10. TriHydro Corporation Report to Gene George dated November 29, 2001 (ML033070386).

11. State of Wyoming, Office of Homeland Security, letter to NRC dated November 17, 2003, RE: Request for Comments Regarding the Environmental Assessment for Decommissioning of the Enviro-Test Laboratories Facility dated November 4, 2003 (ML033280170).

12. Environmental Management and Controls, Inc. letter to Enviro-Test Laboratories dated January 3, 2003, regarding disposal of radioactive wastes (ML033420169).

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the environmental assessment, the staff concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the staff has determined that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

IV. Further Information

The documents related to this proposed action, including the application for the license amendment and supporting documentation, are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, at the ADAMS Accession Nos. listed with the documents. These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville,

MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Arlington, Texas, this 15th day of December, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 52-009]

System Energy Resources, Inc., Grand Gulf Site; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process

System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI) has submitted an application for an early site permit (ESP) for its Grand Gulf site, located in Claiborne County, near Port Gibson, Mississippi. The application for the ESP was submitted by letter dated October 16, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR part 52. A notice of receipt of application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2003 (68 FR 64665). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for an early site permit for Grand Gulf was published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2003 (68 FR 67219). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the review of the ESP application and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in 10 CFR 51.29. In addition, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8, "Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act," the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

In accordance with 10 CFR 52.17(a)(2), 51.45 and 51.50, SERI submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR parts 51 and 52 and is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS