

MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit via the Internet.

Successful Bidders: As required by the MMS, each company that has been awarded a lease must execute all copies of the lease (Form MMS-2005 (March 1986) as amended), pay by EFT the balance of the bonus bid amount and the first year's rental for each lease issued in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 218.155, and satisfy the bonding requirements of 30 CFR 256, Subpart I, as amended. Each bidder in a successful high bid must have on file in the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Adjudication Unit a currently valid certification (Debarment Certification Form) certifying that the bidder is not excluded from participation in primary covered transactions under Federal nonprocurement programs and activities. A certification previously provided to that office remains currently valid until new or revised information applicable to that certification becomes available. In the event of new or revised applicable information, the MMS will require a subsequent certification before lease issuance can occur. Persons submitting such certifications should review the requirements of 43 CFR part 12, subpart D. A copy of the Debarment Certification Form is contained in the FNOS 189 Package.

Affirmative Action: The MMS requests that, prior to bidding, Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Representation Form MMS 2032 (June 1985) and Equal Opportunity Compliance Report Certification Form MMS 2033 (June 1985) be on file in the Gulf of Mexico Region Adjudication Unit. This certification is required by 41 CFR 60 and Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967. In any event, prior to the execution of any lease contract, both forms are *required* to be on file in the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Adjudication Unit.

Geophysical Data and Information Statement: Pursuant to 30 CFR 251.12, the MMS has a right to access geophysical data and information collected under a permit in the OCS. Each bidder submitting a bid on a block in Sale 189, or participating as a joint bidder in such a bid, must submit a Geophysical Data and Information Statement identifying any processed or reprocessed pre- and post-stack depth migrated geophysical data and information in its possession or control and used in the evaluation of that block. The existence, extent (*i.e.*, number of line miles for 2D or number of blocks for 3D) and type of such data and

information must be clearly identified. The statement must include the name and phone number of a contact person, and an alternate, knowledgeable about the depth data sets (that were processed or reprocessed to correct for depth) used in evaluating the block. In the event such data and information includes data sets from different timeframes, you should identify only the most recent data set used for block evaluations.

The statement must also identify each block upon which a bidder participated in a bid but for which it does not possess or control such depth data and information.

Each bidder must submit a separate Geophysical Data and Information Statement in a sealed envelope. The envelope should be labeled "Geophysical Data and Information Statement for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 189" and the bidder's name and qualification number must be clearly identified on the outside of the envelope. This statement must be submitted to the MMS at the Gulf of Mexico Regional Office, Attention: Resource Evaluation (1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394) by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. The statement may be submitted in conjunction with the bids or separately. Do not include this statement in the same envelope containing a bid. These statements will not be opened until after the public bid reading at Lease Sale 189 and will be kept confidential. An Example of Preferred Format for the Geophysical Data and Information Statement is included in the FNOS 189 Package.

Please refer to NTL No. 2003-G05 for more detail concerning submission of the Geophysical Data and Information Statement, making the data available to the MMS following the lease sale, preferred format, reimbursement for costs, and confidentiality.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

R.M. "Johnnie" Burton,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2003.

PLACE: The offices of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy

Foundation, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public, unless it is necessary for the Board to consider items in executive session.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (1) A report on the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; (2) A report from the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy; (3) A report on the Native Nations Institute; (4) Program Reports; and (5) A Report from the Management Committee.

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: All sessions with the exception of the session listed below.

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: Executive session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher L. Helms, Executive Director, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 670-5529.

Dated: October 9, 2003.

Christopher L. Helms,

Executive Director, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-346; License No. NPF-3]

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1; Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated August 25, 2003, submitted by Greenpeace on behalf of the Nuclear Information & Resource Service and the Union of Concerned Scientists (collectively, the Petitioners), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been requested to take enforcement actions against FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FirstEnergy), the licensee for Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor, Ohio, and the NRC has also been requested to suspend the Davis-Besse license and prohibit plant restart until certain conditions have been met.

As bases for requesting the NRC to take enforcement actions against the licensee, the Petitioners state that FirstEnergy has failed to complete commitments related to the NRC's 50.54(f) design basis letter (issued on October 9, 1996), and refer to numerous design basis violations dating back to

plant licensing. The petitioners request that the NRC suspend the Davis-Besse license and prohibit plant restart until all design basis deficiencies identified in response to the NRC's 50.54(f) design basis letter are adequately addressed, the plant probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) is updated to reflect design flaws, and no systems are in a "degraded but operable" condition.

The request is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The request has been referred to the Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this petition within a reasonable time.

A copy of the petition is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room), using Accession No. ML032400435. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdrr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of October, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

J.E. Dyer,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8905]

Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment Addressing a License Amendment Request To Approve Rio Algom LLC's Plan To Demolish Its Mill at Its Ambrosia Lake Uranium Mill Tailings Impoundment Located in McKinley County, NM

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Caverly, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T8-A33, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6699 and e-mail jsc1@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Rio Algom Mining LLC's (Rio Algom) Source Materials License SUA-1473. The proposed action would allow Rio Algom to begin demolition of the uranium mill buildings at the Ambrosia Lake uranium facility. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's plan dated December 10, 2002, as revised by additional information sent, at the staff's request, on March 27, 2003 and September 17, 2003.

Pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR part 51, Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions, the NRC has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with this request. Based on this evaluation, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for the proposed licensing action.

II. EA Summary

The EA was prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with Rio Algom's plan to demolish the mill at its Ambrosia Lake uranium facility. The objectives of the Mill Demolition Plan are to: (1) Perform mill demolition activities in a manner that protects employee health and safety and the environment; (2) release equipment or packages from the restricted area for unrestricted release and do so in accordance with NRC decommissioning criteria and approved Mill Demolition Plan; (3) transfer equipment to another NRC-licensed facility in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations; (4) perform work following established operating procedures; and (5) dispose of byproduct material in accordance with the source material license.

The Demolition Plan addresses the removal of surface structures in preparation for subsequent implementation of the surface reclamation soil cleanup release phase of the overall site decommissioning process. The Demolition Plan does not

address the soil cleanup criteria that would be used as part of license termination and transfer to the site long-term custodian.

Prior to the start of mill demolition, the mill facilities and equipment in the immediate area would be washed down to minimize potential residual contamination. Any salvageable materials would be surveyed and if required, decontaminated until established release levels are obtained. Salvageable materials would be placed in a designated salvage area. Mill dismantling and washing would occur in accordance with NRC approved demolition plan. Contaminated equipment would be dismantled/broken up and buried in the approved disposal areas. Uncontaminated underground foundation, utilities and pipelines that are more than 2 feet below final grade would be buried in place. These foundations and pipes may be left in place if they are characterized and released in a manner consistent with 10 CFR part 40, appendix A, criterion 6(6). Areas where Rio Algom expects to leave foundations intact include the lower portions of the thickeners, any basement type area, and any foundations that extend 2 feet below existing grade. Underground cavities that are below grade, such as the crushing circuit from the primary crusher to the transfer house, would remain in place and would be backfilled. The final grade (contour) is projected to approximate the existing surface elevation in the mill area.

Disposal of all demolition waste that is classified as 11e.(2) byproduct material, as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended, would be performed in accordance with approved disposal practices as authorized by License Conditions 30, 32, 36, and 41 with the following modification. Disposal areas would be restored in accordance with License Condition 41(I), which requires Rio Algom to submit a final reclamation plan upon the end of milling operations. Rio Algom anticipates that reclamation efforts in areas where mill demolition debris would be disposed would involve either the placement of an engineered cover to control radon emissions or alternate release criteria would be requested.

Surplus chemicals/materials would be removed for sale or disposal prior to demolition of the area where these materials may be present. All gear boxes, transformers, motors, etc., would be drained prior to demolition with the drained material disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations.