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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Miller, Director, Modern Records Programs (NWM), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: (301)713-7110. E-mail: records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs the records to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

No Federal records are authorized for destruction without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted only after a thorough consideration of their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not they have historical or other value.

Besides identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this public notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or indicates agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency. This notice provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction). It also includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If

NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it too includes information about the records. Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Scientific Services Division (N1-463-96-1, 38 items, 34 temporary items). Records relating to the regulation of the environmental release, import, field testing, and inter-state movement of genetically-engineered crops and organisms. Administrative records, permit files, and files relating to petitions to deregulate currently regulated crops or organisms are proposed for disposal. Special studies and records covering policy and guidelines are proposed for permanent retention.

2. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office (N1-241-98-2, 5 items, 5 temporary items). Network and systems operations and maintenance records from the Office of the Chief Information Officer and textual and electronic records for four electronic systems which perform day-to-day administrative functions: Job Application Rating System, Patent Search Room Badge System, Enterprise Call Center System, and the Revenue Accounting and Management System.

3. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense (N1-330-98-3, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Reduction in the retention period for health research protocols and grants, which were previously approved for disposal. Electronic versions of these records created by electronic mail and word processing applications are also proposed for disposal.

4. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense (N1-330-98-2, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Reduction in the retention period for records relating to continuing nursing and medical education programs, which were previously approved for disposal. Electronic versions of these records created by electronic mail and word processing applications are also proposed for disposal.

5. Department of Housing and Urban Development (N1-207-98-4, 6 items, 6 temporary items). Budget Office subject files primarily dealing with the Administrative Operations Fund. Records date from the period 1958 to 1972. Also included are Federal Housing Administration computer printouts relating to insurance reserves and mortgage and major home improvement loan insurance.

6. Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance (N1-220-98-9, 5 items, 2 temporary items). Panel files and electronic mail and word processing records. Files proposed for permanent retention include subject files, reports and other publications and the files of the executive director and the executive administrative director.

7. Social Security Administration, Division of Representative Payment and Evaluation (N1-47-98-1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Form SSA-6233-BK "Representative Payee Report of Benefits and Dedicated Account", which is a statement of monthly benefits and funds in a dedicated account involving Title XVI or concurrent claims.

8. Tennessee Valley Authority, Procurement Division (N1-142-98-15, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Electronic data interchange trading agreements including related electronic mail and word processing records. These administrative records allow the agency to transmit common business documents electronically to agency vendors.

9. Tennessee Valley Authority, Resource Group (N1-142-98-12, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Computer printouts from a defunct agency program containing data concerning land use, facilities, crops, livestock and fertilizer use. A sample of these records was previously approved for permanent retention.

10. Tennessee Valley Authority, Human Resources Division (N1-142-97-27, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Files of a defunct agency study group tasked with studying options for health care and other employee benefit programs.

Dated: July 31, 1998.

Geraldine N. Phillips,

Acting Assistant Archivist for Record Services—Washington, DC.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Hearing on Bus Crashworthiness

The National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday, August 12, 1998, at the Riviera Resort Hotel, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, contact Jeanmarie Poole, NTSB Office of Highway Safety at (202) 314-6440 or Terry Williams,

NTSB Office of Public Affairs at (202) 314-6100.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 40-2259]

Pathfinder Mines Corporation; Applications, Hearings, Determinations, Etc.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Application from Pathfinder Mines Corporation to change two site-reclamation milestones in Condition 61 of Source Material License SUA-672 for the Lucky Mc, Wyoming uranium mill site. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated July 23, 1998, an application from Pathfinder Mines Corporation (PMC) to amend License Condition (LC) 61 of its Source Material License No. SUA-672 for the Lucky Mc, Wyoming uranium mill site. The license amendment application proposes to modify LC 61 to change the completion date for two site-reclamation milestones. The new dates proposed by PMC would extend completion of placement of the final radon barrier cover over tailings pile and placement of the erosion protection cover by three years and three months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mohammad W. Haque, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The portion of LC 61 with the proposed changes would read as follows:

A. (3) Placement of final radon barrier designed and constructed to limit radon emissions to an average flux of no more than 20 pCi/m²/s above background—December 31, 2001.

B. (1) Placement of erosion protection as part of reclamation to comply with Criterion 6 of Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 40—December 31, 2002.

PMC's application to amend LC 61 of Source Material License SUA-672, which describes the proposed changes to the license condition and the reasons

for the request is being made available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." 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(c), a request for hearing must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

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

(1) The applicant, Pathfinder Mines Corporation, 935 Pendell Boulevard, P.O. Box 730, Mills, Wyoming 82644, Attention: Tom Hardgrove; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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 in the proceeding;

(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(g);

(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(c).

The request must also set forth the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes a hearing.

In addition, members of the public may provide comments on the subject application within 45 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The comments may be provided to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August 1998.

Joseph J. Holonich,

Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

In the Matter of Virginia Electric and Power Company North Anna Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Exemption

The Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7, which authorize operation of the North Anna Power Station (NAPS), Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of two pressurized-water reactors at the licensee's site located in Louisa County, Virginia.

II

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 20.1703, "Use of individual respiratory protection equipment" requires in subsection (a)(1) that ". . . the licensee shall use only respiratory protection equipment that is tested and certified or had certification extended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/Mine Safety and Health Administration (NIOSH/MSHA)." Further, 10 CFR 20.1703(c) requires that "the licensee shall use as emergency devices only respiratory protection equipment that has been specifically certified or had certification extended for emergency use by NIOSH/MSHA," and

10 CFR Part 20, Appendix A, Protection Factors for Respirators, Footnote d.2 (d), states that ". . . the protection factors apply for atmosphere-supplying respirators only when

supplied with adequate respirable air. Respirable air shall be provided of the quality and quantity required in accordance with NIOSH/MSHA certification (described in 30 CFR part 11). Oxygen and air shall not be used in the same apparatus." By letter dated March 3, 1998, as supplemented May 5, 1998, the licensee requested an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 20.1703(a)(1), 10 CFR 20.1703(c) and 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix A, Footnote d.2 (d).

Pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the Commission may, upon application by a licensee or upon its own initiative, grant an exemption from the requirements of the regulations in Part 20 if it determines that the exemption is authorized by law and would not result in undue hazard to life or property.

III

The NAPS 1&2 containments are designed to be maintained at subatmospheric pressure during power operations. The containment pressure can range from 9.0 to 11.0 pounds per square inch absolute (psia). This containment environment could potentially impact personnel safety due to reduced pressure and resulting oxygen deficiency. Such environment requires the use of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with enriched oxygen breathing gas. The licensee initially purchased Mine Safety Appliances, Inc. (MSA) Model 401 open-circuit, dual-purpose, pressure-demand SCBAs constructed of brass components which were originally intended for use with compressed air. The licensee qualified the Model 401 cylinders for use with 35% oxygen/65% nitrogen following the recommendations of the Compressed Gas Association's Pamphlet C-10, Recommended Procedures for Changes of Gas Service for Compressed Gas Cylinders, which established procedures to utilize these devices with an enriched oxygen mixture. The licensee is currently using these SCBAs with 35% oxygen/65% nitrogen instead of compressed air. The MSA Model 401 SCBA has received the NIOSH/MSHA certification for use with compressed air, but has not been tested for 35% enriched oxygen applications. Using these SCBAs without the NIOSH/MSHA certification requires an exemption from 10 CFR 20.1703(a)(1), 10 CFR 20.1703(c) and 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix A, Protection Factors for Respirators, Footnote d.2.(d).

IV

Pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1703(a)(2), SCBAs that have not been tested or

certified or for which certification has not been extended by NIOSH/MSHA require a demonstration by testing or reliable test information that the material and performance characteristics of the equipment are capable of providing the proposed degree of protection under anticipated conditions of use. VEPCO contracted with National Aeronautic and Space Administration's (NASA) White Sand Test Facility (WSTF) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to conduct applicable oxygen compatibility testing. WSTF evaluated the compatibility of the MSA Custom 4500 SCBA (testing of the model "MSA Custom 4500" envelops the lower pressure applications of models "MSA Ultralite" and "Model 401") with an oxygen-enriched breathing gas mixture. Based on these evaluations, the licensee concluded that compatibility exists provided 1) all hydrocarbon contamination is removed, 2) the SCBAs are maintained so as to preclude the introduction of hydrocarbon contamination, and 3) the temperature of the system does not exceed 135° F when the regulator is first activated. LLNL also concluded that an MSA Custom 4500, equipped with the interchangeable silicone facepiece, meets the National Fire Protection Association Flame and Heat Test requirements whether operated with 35% oxygen/65% nitrogen breathing gas mixture or with compressed air.

The licensee has indicated that the above conditions are met as follows: (1) the MSA repair guidance stipulates that no hydrocarbon-based compounds are to be used within the pressure boundary during maintenance, (2) the SCBAs are required to be stored and repaired in clean, dry locations free of chemical contamination, (3) containment average temperature is required by Technical Specification to be less than or equal to 120°F at NAPS 1&2, and (4) VEPCO procedural guidance presently requires that SCBAs using 35% oxygen 65% nitrogen breathing gas mixture be equipped with a silicone facepiece. VEPCO has also stated that it has over 20 years of actual safe operating experience using SCBAs with 35% oxygen/65% nitrogen mixture with no incidents of oxygen-induced failure or equipment maintenance problems associated with the enriched oxygen operation.

The combination of the existing NIOSH/MSHA certification of the SCBAs (with compressed air), the testing of the SCBA with the enriched oxygen-nitrogen mixture conducted for VEPCO by NASA and LLNL, and VEPCO's safe use history constitutes an

adequate basis for granting the requested exemption to permit the use of MSA SCBAs Model 401, Custom 4500 and Ultralite with 35% oxygen-65% nitrogen breathing air mixture in the sub-atmospheric containments of NAPS, Units 1 and 2.

V

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the requested exemption is authorized by law, and will not result in undue hazard to life or property. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1703(a)(1), 10 CFR 20.1703(c) and 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix A, Footnote d.2.(d), for North Anna Power Station, Unit 1 and Unit 2, provided VEPCO uses SCBAs identified and meeting the formal testing outlined above and follows the above described conditions.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 40324).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,
Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of August 10, 17, 24, and 31, 1998.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of August 10

There are no meetings the week of August 10.

Week of August 17—Tentative

Wednesday, August 19

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of August 24—Tentative

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on 10 CFR Part 70—Proposed Rulemaking, “Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material” (Public Meeting) (Contact: Elizabeth Ten Eyck, 301-415-7212)

Wednesday, August 26

2:00 p.m.—Briefing on Status of Activities with CNWRA and HLW Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Bell, 301-415-7286)

3:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of August 31

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on PRA Implementation Plan (Public Meeting) (Contact: Tom King, 301-415-5828)

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Thursday, September 3

10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.—All Employees Meetings (Public Meetings) on “The Green” Plaza Area between buildings at White Flint (Contact: Bill Hill—301-415-1661)

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact Person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations****I. Background**

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person. This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from July 20, 1998, through July 31, 1998. The last biweekly notice was published on July 29, 1998 (63 FR 40551).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period.

However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administration Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By September 11, 1998, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's “Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings” in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room for the particular facility involved. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or