

NRTL meets certain criteria. In this sense, they are special conditions that the Agency places on an NRTL's recognition. OSHA does not consider these programs in determining whether an NRTL meets the requirements for recognition, or for an expansion or renewal of recognition, under 29 CFR 1910.7.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

UL has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with these requests, OSHA carried out on-site reviews of the three sites covered by the expansion request during the period of September 14–29, 1998. Discrepancies noted by the review team during the on-site reviews were responded to following their completion and are included as an integral part of the on-site review report (see Exhibits 20). With the preparation of the final review report, the NRTL Program staff is satisfied that UL has addressed concerns arising from the review. In the report, the staff recommended that OSHA expand the recognition of UL to include the three (3) additional sites listed above. The staff also recommended that these sites be permitted to use all the supplemental programs.

Following a review of the application file and the on-site review report, the NRTL Program staff concluded that UL appeared to have met the requirements for the expansion of recognition to include the three (3) additional sites listed above. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved. This recognition will be limited to UL utilizing the additional sites for performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for which OSHA has recognized UL.

Based upon a review of the complete application, and the recommendations of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that Underwriters Laboratory Inc., can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of its recognition to include the three additional sites listed above, subject to the above limitation. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether UL has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must

receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESS**), no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). You may obtain or review copies of UL's requests, the supporting information, the on-site review report, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-4-93, the permanent records of public information on UL's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant UL's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR Section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 3rd day of August, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,
Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of the Public Affairs Advisory Group is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name of Committee: Public Affairs Advisory Group (PAAG).

Purpose: The Group's objective is twofold. First, the Group will assess NSF's current public affairs programs, strategies and goals aimed at improving public understanding and appreciation of science and engineering research and education. Second, the Group will advise NSF on strategies and mechanisms for strengthening NSF's public affairs programs in the future. This includes help in building strategic partnerships between NSF and the private sector that will amplify the agency's public affairs programs.

Balanced Membership Plans. Members are broadly representative of

communications and public affairs professions—public relations, print and broadcast journalism, science and technology publishing, science policy analysis, science and technology education and outreach, and entertainment—and engineering and science professionals successful in making science and technology accessible to large publics. Stature and familiarity with NSF and its programs are considered in selecting committee members. Every effort is made to achieve a balanced membership with representation including women, minority members, disabled persons as well as different geographic regions in the U.S. About 20 individuals will serve on this committee.

Responsible NSF Official: Susan Chase, Acting Section Head, Special Projects, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, Room 1245, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, telephone, (703) 306-1070.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-397]

Energy Northwest, Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Energy Northwest (the licensee), formerly known as the Washington Public Power Supply System, to withdraw its October 15, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 for WNP-2, located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to secondary containment drawdown time and secondary containment bypass leakage.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1998 (63 FR 50942). However, by letter dated July 16, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed change and stated that they planned to revise and resubmit the amendment request by November 12, 1999.