

ISU has also submitted to the NRC, written responses from the Division of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region X Office; and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service. All three agencies responded in writing that they have no objections to the proposed ISU study. In addition, the U.S. Forest Service has made available in November, 1994, the submitted EA, for a 45 days public review and comment period.

Conclusions

Based on the foregoing assessment, the NRC staff concludes that the environmental effects of using C-14 in the proposed ISU stream ecosystems study are expected to be extremely small. Authorizing the study will help to better understand how to preserve our ecosystems. Since ISU's proposed study will be conducted in a predominately remote Federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service, there is no environmental justice issue in this EA.

Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.31, a Finding of No Significant Impact is considered appropriate for this proposed action.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In performing this assessment and in accordance with the NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards procedure 1-48, the staff consulted with Mr. Steve Oberg, State Liaison Officer with the NRC, Division of Environmental Quality, State of Idaho, on March 17, 1995, at (208) 334-0436. The State of Idaho has no objection to the proposed action. The staff also contacted Mr. Lee Leffert of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, on March 21, 1995, at (208) 236-7534. The U.S. Forest Service informed the NRC that based on comments received on its **Federal Register** Notice, it is preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and will issue a Decision Notice authorizing ISU's project implementation as proposed.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has determined under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 51, that the proposed action to amend Byproduct Material License No. 11-27380-01 to permit the introduction of C-14 into two streams, if granted, would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact

statement is not required. This determination is based on the foregoing environmental assessment performed in accordance with the procedures and criteria in 10 CFR Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions."

For further details on this action, see ISU's letter, dated December 9, 1995, and the attached EA, requesting amendment of License No. 11-27380-01 and related correspondence. These documents (in Docket No. 030-32322) may be examined or copied for a fee in the Commission's Region IV Walnut Creek Field Office's Public Document Room, 1450 Maria Lane, Suite 210, Walnut Creek, California 94596.

Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

Any person whose interest may be affected by the issuance of this license amendment may file a request for a hearing. Any request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and must be served on the NRC staff by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, or be delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; and must be served on the applicant by mail or delivery to Idaho State University, Technical Safety Office, Physical Science 103, 785 South Eighth Avenue, Campus Box 8106, Pocatello, ID 83209. The request for a hearing must comply with the requirements set forth in the Commission's regulations, 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Material Licensing Proceedings." Subpart L of 10 CFR Part 2, may be examined or copied for a fee in the Commission's Region IV Walnut Creek Field Office's Public Document Room, 1450 Maria Lane, Suite 210, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 or in the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street (Lower Level), NW, Washington, DC 20555.

As required by Part 2, Subpart L (10 CFR 2.1205), the request for hearing 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 paragraph (g) of 10 CFR 2.1205; (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 paragraph (c) of 10 CFR 2.1205(c).

The factors in 10 CFR 2.1205(g), which must be addressed in the request for hearing include: (1) The nature of the requestor's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the requestor's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding upon the requestor's interest.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 19th day of April 1995.

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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

[Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering incorporating an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations in the operating licenses for operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Spring City, Tennessee. Operating licenses have not been issued for Watts Bar; Units 1 and 2 are currently under Construction Permits CPPR-91 and CPPR-92, respectively.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

10 CFR 73.55(c)(10) requires a license applicant whose application was submitted prior to August 31, 1994, to incorporate a land vehicle bomb control program into the site physical security plan and implement it by the date of receipt of the operating license. Since Watts Bar Unit 1 will seek to obtain an operating license ahead of the schedule by which operating power reactors are required to fully implement the vehicle control measures, the applicant requested, by letter dated November 30, 1994, that Watts Bar be granted the same implementation date (February 29, 1996) imposed on operating reactor licensees to implement the land vehicle bomb control program.