

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 72-22PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANYNOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF A MATERIALS LICENSEFOR THE STORAGE OF SPENT FUELAND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an application dated June 20, 1997, for a materials license, under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, from Private Fuel Storage, Limited Liability Company (the applicant or PFS) to possess spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) located on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation in Skull Valley, Utah. If granted, the license will authorize the applicant to store spent fuel in dry storage cask systems at the ISFSI which the applicant proposes to construct and operate on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, the term of the license for the ISFSI would be twenty (20) years.

Prior to issuance of the requested license, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's rules and regulations. The issuance of the materials license will not be approved until the NRC has reviewed the application and has concluded that approval of the license will not be inimical to the common defense and security and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to public health and safety. The NRC, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51.20(b)(9), will complete an environmental impact statement. This action will be the subject of a

subsequent notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.105, by _____, 1997, the applicant may file a request for a hearing; 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 with respect to the subject materials license in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.714. If a request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, 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 petition, and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order. In the event that no request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the NRC may, upon satisfactory completion of all required evaluations, issue the materials license without further prior notice.

A petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to

intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend a petition, without requesting leave of the Board, up to 15 days prior to the holding of the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the action under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the NRC by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Mr. William F. Kane, Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; facility name; and publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Jay Silberg, P.C., Shaw, Pittman, Potts, & Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037-8007.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions, and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer, or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request, that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated June 20, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555. The Commission's license and safety evaluation report, when issued, may be inspected at the above location.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July 1997.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

William F. Kane, Director
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