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Before Administrative Judges:

Alan S. Rosenthal, Presiding Officer
Thomas D. Murphy, Special Assistant

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In the Matter of)
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U.S. ARMY)
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(Jefferson Proving Ground Site))
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Docket No. 40-8838-MLA

ASLBP No. 00-776-04-MLA

April 1, 2002

Quarterly Status Report

The following activities were conducted during the period of 1 January 2002 and 31 March 2002 in connection with the proposed amendment to the materials license held by the U.S. Army (Licensee) at Jefferson Proving Ground Site (JPG). The proposed amendment would permit, in accordance with 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §20.1403, the restricted release of the site on which there is currently an accumulation of depleted uranium (DU) munitions.

1. On November 7, 2001, Presiding Officer issued Memorandum and Order Granting STV Request to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance and directing the Army to continue to furnish quarterly status reports.
2. The revised Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) Internet web site (address: <http://jpg.sbccom.army.mil>) was posted and made available to the public in November 2001. The revised JPG web site has an expanded depleted uranium (DU) and unexploded ordnance (UXO) sections that will be utilized as a mechanism to provide information to the public regarding the issues of DU and UXO at JPG.
3. A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for JPG was held on February 6, 2002 in Madison, Indiana. The RAB serves as a site-specific advisory board for JPG and meets periodically in the local area. The goal of the RAB is to ensure the concerns of the community are identified and addressed to the extent possible through public participation. JPG/SBCCOM is using the RAB as one means to provide for community participation and input on JPG license termination activities. Unexploded ordnance clearance, environmental suitability of property for transfer, and the status and point of contact for the depleted uranium license termination were discussed at this RAB meeting. Questions or comments on the depleted uranium license termination efforts are being accepted through a variety of ways, to include in writing to the JPG

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Site Manager or the SBCCOM Radiation Safety Officer or through electronic email to the SBCCOM Radiation Safety Officer. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) toll free telephone number and e-mail address for public accessibility were also provided to the community at the February 2002 JPG RAB meeting

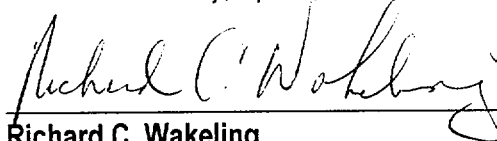
4. Teleconferences were held with the NRC staff during the months of January, February and March, 2002 to discuss responses to the NRC comments to the DP submitted on June 27, 2001 and to discuss the contents of an environmental report (ER) requested by NRC in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51. The overall function of the ER is to update and complete information to the NRC so the NRC can prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the JPG decommissioning action. The ER will be a publicly available document that should help both the public and NRC reviewers relative to the JPG license termination effort. Estimated time frame for submission of revision with responses to the NRC comments and the ER to NRC is approximately 30 June 2002.

5. The NRC provided a chronological administrative review time calendar to the Army (attached) to provide at the February 2002 RAB meeting which indicated a time frame of approximately 6 years from acceptance of the revised JPG DU License Termination Plan until NRC will complete their administrative, technical and NEPA analysis review process to render a decision on the JPG DU Restricted Release License Termination request. The NRC schedule was provided to the public at the February 2002 JPG RAB meeting.

Current Schedule (April 2002): Submit ER and Response to NRC Comments (DP) and Reversion of LTP/DP to NRC approximately 30 June 2002.

The next quarterly written status report is due to the Board and the Petitioner on or before July 1, 2002.

Dated this Monday, April 1, 2002



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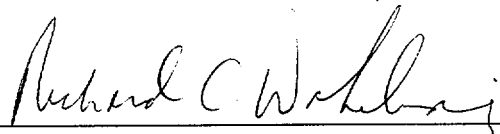
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"Gantt" Chart for Decommissioning JPG

The following are the steps in the decommissioning process for JPG along with an estimate of the duration (in work days). Please note that some tasks are done concurrently. Also, some of the tasks are subsets of the overall task:

<u>Task Name</u>	<u>Duration (Work Days) (Cal Days)</u>	
Revised Decommissioning Plan (DP) Acceptance Review	67	94
Environmental Report Acceptance Review	67	94
DP Phase 1 Technical Review	122	171
DP Phase 2 Technical Review	659	923
Develop Draft Safety Evaluation Report	210	294
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Development	638	893
Conduct EIS Scoping (Public meeting)	104	146
Develop Preliminary Draft EIS	152	213
Prepare Draft EIS	141	197
Public Comment on Draft EIS	60	84
Prepare Final EIS and Final SER	146	204
Final Status Survey Report Review	202	283(0)
Remove Site From Site Decommissioning Management Plan	81	113

Again, these tasks are summary tasks. There are many subtasks that are not included such as the interaction with the State, EPA, and other appropriate regulators.

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