From: Timothy Johnson
To: Lee Cheney
Date: 1/6/05 2:24PM
Subject: Re: Question for LES hearings about LES clean up costs

As is stated in 10 CFR 40.36(d) and 70.25(e), decommissioning cost estimates must be adjusted at intervals not to exceed 3 years. The periodic adjustments would account for inflation, changes in the costs of goods and services (e.g., waste disposal), changes in facility conditions or operations, and changes in expected decommissioning procedures.

The following is a link to the guidance document we use in reviewing decommissioning funding plans:

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1757/v3/sr1757v3.pdf

The periodic updates to the decommissioning funding plan will ensure that there is sufficient funds to decommission the facility throughout its lifetime.
>>> "Lee Cheney" <lee_cheney@leaco.net> 01/05/05 05:57PM >>>
Please give the questions below full evaluation and analysis at the LES hearings:

Evidently, according the reply below that the NRC sent to Phillip, there is no risk to the taxpayers for LES cleanup. The only problem is, as I understand it, the LES cleanup bonds are only about 1/10th (and if inflation keeps going maybe only 1/100th) of what the cost will be if the cost of other taxpayer funded clean up costs are used as a guide. Who is going to GUARANTEE that the LES bonds will be SUFFICIENT to cover the cleanup costs 30 years from now and that there will be zero cost to the taxpayers 30 years from now????
Lee
----- Original Message -----
From: PHILLIP BARR
To:
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2005 1:33 PM
Subject: Re: Question for Timothy Johnson of the NRC about the Louisiana Energy services plant in lea county

This is the answer I received from the NRC. If all this government involvement has allowed 77,000 toxic sites in this country, and more added to the list each year, whats to keep LES from becoming another site that has to be cleaned up at government expense?
Notice no answer from Mr. Johnson on the projected number of toxic cleanup sites that might be on a list about the time that LES goes off line.
If this LES plant was such a good deal, why was it run out of two states?
Government was involved in an uranium enrichment plant in Paducah kentucky, and our own Governor Richardson apologized to the workers there for what that plant did to them.
Try to get anyone with the Nrc to guarantee this industry wont make people sick.
Are you listening Governor? Ron Curry?

Phillip Barr
Lea County

----- Original Message -----
From: Timothy Johnson
To: pharb2@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2005 11:19 AM
Subject: Re: Question for Timothy Johnson of the NRC about the Louisiana Energy services plant

I assume the list of sites requiring cleanup you mention is the list the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency keeps of potential Superfund sites. It is our objective to ensure that NRC's sites never get on the Superfund list and require taxpayers to fund the decommissioning of licensed sites. We do this through our decommissioning financial assurance requirements (see 10 CFR 40.36 and 70.25). In the event that the licensee is unable to carry out decommissioning through bankruptcy or other reason, the financial assurance provisions provide the funding for decommissioning and NRC would ensure that the proper site remediation takes place. For uranium enrichment facilities, applicants must provide a decommissioning funding plan consisting of a site-specific cost estimate for decommissioning and a financial instrument, such as a surety bond, letter of credit, etc. The regulations provide additional information on the types of instruments that may be used and the requirements for these instruments. LES has chosen to use a surety bond for its financial mechanism.

>>> "PHILLIP BARR" <pharb2@msn.com> 01/04/05 09:39AM >>>
I understand there are 77,000 toxic waste sites in this country that need to be cleaned up with more added to the list each year.
Mr. Johnson, what is the estimated number of cleanup sites that would be on a cleanup list and ahead of LES at the end of the thirty year lifespan of the LES plant?
I request the nrc find this data and submit it to the state congress.

Phillip Barr
lea county.

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