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Consolidated Aluminum
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Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter dated May 23, 1983, regarding future decommissioning of your Madison, Illinois facility. After reviewing your plan, we find that we will need additional information and confirmation:

1. Financial Assurance.

A commitment by a Consolidated Aluminum officer (president, vice president, or treasurer) that funds will be made available to decontaminate the facilities at the end of plant life.

2. Section 3.1 General Considerations.

Please confirm that the decommissioning plan will include a "post-radiological survey" that will include all areas involving the licensed material (buildings), not just waste storage areas.

3. Section 3.2.

Regarding post-radiological surveys at the storage area, please confirm that your soil contamination levels will be reduced to or below those contained in the "Disposal or On-Site Storage of Thorium or Uranium Wastes From Past Operations," Notice of Proposed Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch Technical Position, Federal Register, Vol. 46, No. 205, October 23, 1981, copy enclosed.

4. Section 4.1 Financial Cost Estimate.

Please provide an estimation of the total quantities of solid wastes to be removed for burial at the time of decommissioning.

Our review of your decommissioning plan will continue upon receipt of the above information. Please reply in duplicate and reference Mail Control No. 22368.

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If you have any questions regarding NRC requirements for thorium-232 decommissioning plans, please contact W. T. Crow at (301)427-4100.

Sincerely,

James W. Patterson
Material Licensing Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle and
Material Safety

Enclosure: As stated

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W. T. Crow, Uranium Process Licensing Section

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The Assistant Secretary finds that good cause exists for not publishing the supplement to the Puerto Rico State Plan as a proposed change and making the Regional Administrator's approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

1. The standards are identical to the Federal standards which were promulgated in accordance with Federal law meeting requirements for public participation.

2. The standards were adopted in accordance with the procedural requirement of State Law and further participation would be unnecessary.

The decision is effective October 23, 1981.

(Sec. 18 Pub. L. 93-304, 94 Stat. 1008 (28 U.S.C. 607))

Signed at New York City, New York, this 13th day of June 1981.

Roger A. Clark,
Regional Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee on Callaway Plant; Location Change

The ACRS Subcommittee on Callaway Plant will hold a meeting on November 4 and 5, 1981, at the HOLIDAY INN-WEST, 1900 I-70 Drive Southwest, Columbia, MO instead of the Hilton Inn.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on October 19, 1981 (46 FR 51329), and all other items remain the same except for the location change as indicated above.

Dated: October 19, 1981.

John C. Hoyle,
Advisory Committee, Management Officer,
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Disposal or Onsite Storage of Thorium or Uranium Wastes From Past Operations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Discussion of options for NRC approval of applications for disposal or onsite storage of thorium or uranium wastes; interim use and public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice discusses five options for NRC approval of disposal or onsite storage of thorium or uranium wastes from past nuclear operations. The options are contained in a Branch

Technical Position for administration by the Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

DATE: Comments on the options for disposal or onsite storage of thorium or uranium are encouraged. Such comments will be considered in any subsequent revision of the Branch Technical Position. Comments are due December 22, 1981.

Note.—Comments received after the expiration date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments filed on or before that date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph G. Page, Chief, Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Washington, D.C. 20545, telephone 301-427-4308. *Billings*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Introduction

Some of the sites formerly used for processing thorium and uranium are known today to be contaminated with residual radioactive materials. Some are currently covered by NRC licenses. Others were once licensed, but the licenses to possess and use material have expired. In many cases, the total amount of contaminated soil is large, but the activity concentrations of radioactive materials are believed sufficiently low to justify their disposal on privately owned lands or storage onsite rather than their transport to a licensed radioactive materials disposal (commercial) site. In many instances packaging and transporting these wastes to a licensed disposal site would be too costly and not justified from the standpoints of risk to the public health or cost-benefit. Furthermore, because of the total volume of these wastes, limited commercial waste disposal capacity, and restrictions placed on receipt of long-lived wastes at commercial sites, it is not presently feasible to dispose of these wastes at commercial low-level waste disposal sites.

Effective January 28, 1981, NRC regulations in 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation", were amended (45 FR 71761-71762) to delete § 20.304 which provided general authority for disposal of radioactive materials by burial in soil. Under the amended regulations, licensees must apply for and obtain specific NRC approval to dispose of radioactive materials in this manner under the provisions of 10 CFR 20.302. A case-by-case review was believed needed to

assure that burial of radioactive wastes would not present an unreasonable health hazard at some future date.

The deleted provisions of § 20.304 previously permitted burial of up to 100 millicuries of thorium or natural uranium at any one time, with a yearly limitation of 12 burials for each type of material at each site. The only disposal standards specified were (1) burial at a minimum depth of four feet, and (2) successive burials separated by at least six feet. Thus a total of 12 curies of these materials were permitted to be disposed of each year by burial in a 12 foot by 18 foot or larger plot of ground.

Under the amended regulations, it is incumbent on an applicant who wants to bury radioactive wastes to demonstrate that local land burial is preferable to other disposal alternatives. The evaluation of the application takes into account the following information: Types and quantities of material to be buried

Packaging of waste

Burial location

Characteristics of burial site

Depth of burial

Access restrictions to disposal site

Radiation safety procedures during disposal operations

Recordkeeping

Local burial restrictions, if any

For applications involving disposal of soils contaminated with low level concentrations of thorium and uranium (other than concentrations not exceeding EPA cleanup standards), the matters of principal importance are:

Concentrations of thorium and uranium (either in secular equilibrium with their daughters or without daughters present)

Volume of contaminated soil

Costs for offsite and onsite disposal

Availability of offsite burial space

Disposal site characteristics

Depth of burial and accessibility of buried wastes

State and local government views

II. Branch Technical Position

There are five acceptable options for disposal or onsite storage of thorium and uranium contaminated wastes. Applications for disposal or storage will be approved if the guidelines discussed under any option are met. Applications for other methods of disposal may be submitted and these will be evaluated on their own merits.

1. Disposal of acceptably low concentrations (which meet EPA cleanup standards) of natural thorium with daughters in secular equilibrium, depleted or enriched uranium, and

in land documents of record not to excavate below burial depths to specified areas of land without clearance by health authorities; not to construct residential or industrial building on the site; and not to use specified areas of land for agricultural purposes. Because of this, we believe it appropriate to apply a maximum critical organ exposure limit of 300 millirems per year to thorium and uranium buried under this restriction instead of 170 millirems as used in options 2 and 3. In addition, any exposure to such materials is likely to be more transient than assumed (essentially continual exposure) under those options. These two factors combine to increase the activity concentration limits calculated under option 2 by about 10. Thus, the average concentration that may be buried under this option for thorium (Th-232 plus Th-230) is 300 pCi/gm if all daughters are present and in equilibrium; for enriched uranium it is 1000 pCi/gm if the uranium is soluble and 2300 pCi/gm if insoluble; and for depleted uranium it is 1000 pCi/gm if the uranium is soluble and 3000 pCi/gm if insoluble.

With respect to natural uranium with daughters present and in equilibrium, the concentration that may be buried under this option is 200 pCi/gm of U-238 plus U-234, i.e., 100 pCi/gm Ra-226. This concentration is based on a limited exposure of 2.4 hours per day to limit the radon dose to less than 0.5 working level month (WLM) which is equivalent to continuous exposure to 0.02 working level (WL). Depending upon local soil characteristics, burials at depths greater than 4 feet may be required.

SUMMARY OF MAXIMUM CONCENTRATIONS PERMITTED UNDER DISPOSAL OPTIONS

| Kind of Material | Disposal Option | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|----|-------|
| | 1* | 2* | 3* | 4* |
| Natural Thorium (Th-232 + Th-230) with daughters present and in equilibrium | 10 | 30 | | 300 |
| Natural Uranium (U-238 + U-234) with daughters present and in equilibrium | 10 | | 40 | 300 |
| Depleted Uranium | | | | |
| Soluble | 30 | 100 | | 1,000 |
| Insoluble | 30 | 200 | | 3,000 |
| Enriched Uranium | | | | |
| Soluble | 30 | 100 | | 1,000 |
| Insoluble | 30 | 200 | | 2,000 |

* Based on EPA cleanup standards.
 * Concentrations based on limiting individual doses to 170 millirems.
 * Concentration based on limiting equivalent exposure to 0.02 working level (WL).
 * Concentrations based on limiting individual doses to 300 millirems and, in case of natural uranium, limiting exposure to 0.02 working level (WL).

5. Storage of licensed concentrations of thorium and uranium onsite pending

the availability of an appropriate disposal site.

When concentrations exceed those specified in option 4, long term disposal other than at a licensed disposal site will not normally be a viable option under the provisions of 10 CFR 20.302. In such cases, the thorium and uranium may be permitted to be stored onsite under an NRC license until a suitable method of disposal is found. License conditions will require that radiation does not exceed those specified in 10 CFR Part 20 and be maintained as low as reasonably achievable.

Before approving an application to dispose of thorium or uranium under options 2, 3, or 4, NRC will solicit the view of appropriate State health officials within the State in which the disposal would be made.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland this 20th day of October, 1981.

Richard E. Cunningham,

Director, Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Postponement of Application Deadline for Fund-Raising Privileges Among Federal Employees by Private Voluntary Organizations

Section 843 of the "Manual on Fund-Raising Within the Federal Service for Voluntary Health and Welfare Agencies" sets December 1 of each year as the deadline by which national voluntary agencies must submit applications for participation in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) to be conducted in the fall of the following year. This year's deadline is being postponed from December 1, 1981, to February 1, 1982. In June 1981, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced that the eligibility criteria for participation in the 1982-83 CFC are being reviewed. The deadline date is being postponed to avoid national voluntary agencies having to revise their applications to meet eligibility criteria which may be changed.

Donald J. Devine,

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Resolution of Complaint of Price-Undercutting of Subsidized Cheese Imports

On October 2, 1981, the United States Trade Representative received a letter from the Secretary of Agriculture informing him of the Secretary's finding that imported Grade A Swiss type cheese produced in Finland has been offered for sale in the United States at duty-paid wholesale prices which are five cents per pound less than the domestic wholesale market price of similar cheese produced in the United States.

In accordance with Section 702(c)(2) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (the Act) (19 U.S.C. 2202 note), the Office of the United States Trade Representative notified Finland of the price undercutting determination made by the Secretary of Agriculture, requested that corrective action be taken, and asked for appropriate assurances concerning the commitments made in the Arrangement Between the United States and Finland Concerning Cheese.

On October 14, 1981, Finland notified the United States Trade Representative that measures have been taken to ensure that the duty-paid wholesale price of imported Grade A Swiss type cheese produced in Finland will not be less than the domestic wholesale market price of similar cheese produced in the United States. In addition, Finland gave assurance that it will respect the price commitments in the Arrangement. Since the above notification by Finland has occurred within the 15-day period provided in Section 702(c)(3) of the Act, the United States Trade Representative has notified the Secretary of Agriculture of his belief that no further action is required.

William E. Beck;

United States Trade Representative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Arkansas Power & Light Co.; Proposed Issuance and Sale of First Mortgage Bonds

October 18, 1981.

Arkansas Power & Light Company