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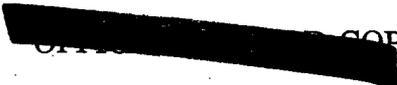
Heritage Minerals, Inc.
ATTN: John Lord
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Dear Mr. Lord:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is sponsoring a public workshop to exchange information and review lessons learned in the Site Decommissioning Management Plan, or SDMP, for remediating radiologically contaminated sites. I am inviting you to participate in this workshop, which will be held on November 19, 1992, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Potomac Inn in Rockville, Maryland. The idea for the workshop grew out of the implementation of NRC's Action Plan to Ensure Timely Cleanup of SDMP sites and the comments we received from licensees and other responsible parties on the SDMP and the Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan was provided to you with our letter dated April 24, 1992. It is only through such interaction that we can effectively identify significant issues associated with site remediation and explore alternative approaches for their resolution.

The NRC Chairman will be the keynote speaker for the workshop, which will also involve NRC managers and staff members responsible for the SDMP. I am enclosing a copy of the Federal Register notice announcing the workshop along with a draft agenda. Please note that presentations at the meeting are limited to invited speakers, but that full participation in question-and-answer sessions and in small group workshops is encouraged. If you would like NRC to discuss any specific issues related to the SDMP during the workshop, please contact Harvey Spiro at (301) 504-2559.

The Potomac Inn is located just west of Interstate Route 270 at the Shady Grove Road exit at 3 Research Court, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, telephone (301) 840-0200. If you plan to stay at the hotel overnight, you should contact them directly to arrange accommodations. Be sure to mention that you are attending the NRC's SDMP workshop.

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We recognize that the lead time for the workshop is somewhat limited, but we wanted to convene the workshop as soon as possible to encourage licensees and other responsible parties to exchange information and to identify any significant issues of concern to them. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (215) 337-5252, Mark Bouwens of my staff at (215) 337-6910 or Mr. Spiro at (301) 504-2559.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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Enclosures: As stated

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DRAFT AGENDA
NRC SDMP Workshop
November 19, 1992
Potomac Inn, Rockville, MD

- 8:30 Opening Remarks and Orientation
- 8:45 Keynote Address by the NRC Chairman
- 9:15 Question and Answer Session
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 NRC's Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP)
- 10:30 SDMP Action Plan and Implementation
- 11:00 Site Status Report
- 11:30 Question and Answer Session (Questions to the NRC Staff)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Research Office Projects
- Enhanced Participatory Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria
 - Residual Radioactivity Criteria (NUREG/CR-5512)
 - Guidance on Termination Surveys (NUREG/CR-5849)
 - Decommissioning Timeliness Rule
- 2:00 Panel Discussion on Lessons Learned by SDMP Licensees and Responsible Parties
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Breakout Workshops - Choose One:
- Cleanup Criteria and Verification Surveys
 - Process for Reviewing and Approving Decommissioning Actions
 - Coordination with Federal, State, and Local Agencies

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5:00 Reports from Breakout Workshops

5:15 Closing Remarks

5:30 Adjourn Workshop

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Workshop to Exchange Information and Lessons Learned in Remediating Radioactively Contaminated Sites

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Public Workshop

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public of a workshop to exchange information and review lessons learned in remediating radioactively contaminated sites. Interested individuals may attend a public workshop on November 19, 1992, at the Potomac Inn, 3 Research Court, Rockville Maryland 20850, telephone (301) 840-0200. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until about 5:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND: In 1990, the NRC developed the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) to identify and resolve issues associated with the timely cleanup of radiologically contaminated sites. The NRC staff determined that these sites deserved special attention to ensure they were decontaminated and decommissioned in a timely and effective manner. Over 40 sites are now included in the SDMP. The SDMP sites have buildings, former waste disposal areas, large piles of tailings from mineral processing, groundwater, and soil contaminated with low levels of uranium, thorium, or other radioactive materials. Consequently, the sites present varying degrees of radiological hazard, cleanup complexity, and cost. In some cases, decommissioning activities have been initiated, or are nearing completion; at others, decommissioning plans have not been made and no work has been started.

In April 1992, the NRC developed an "Action Plan to Ensure Timely Cleanup of SDMP sites," which was published in the Federal Register on April 16, 1992 (57 FR 13389). The objective of the plan was to communicate the Commission's general expectation that sites listed in the SDMP be cleaned up in a timely and effective manner. As part of the implementation of the Action Plan, the NRC identified the need to convene a workshop, involving licensees and other parties responsible for the SDMP sites, to facilitate sharing of lessons learned in characterizing and cleaning up contaminated sites.

CONDUCT OF THE WORKSHOP: The workshop will be held on November 19, 1992, to exchange information with the regulated community, interested parties, and members of the public on the issues associated with remediation of radiologically contaminated sites listed in the SDMP.

Speakers from the NRC will include senior NRC management responsible for establishing decommissioning policy, as well as staff from NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, who are directly involved in managing the SDMP and in overseeing the cleanup of SDMP sites. Presentations will also be made by NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research and others on current projects to develop and improve guidance for site decommissioning. NRC speakers will address the following issues:

1. Site Decommissioning Management Plan,
2. Status of decommissioning activities,
3. The SDMP Action Plan,
4. Interim cleanup criteria for radiological contamination,
5. Guidance on termination radiation surveys, and
6. Coordination with local and other regulatory authorities.

Discussions about the interim cleanup criteria are separate and distinct from the workshops NRC has planned in support of the enhanced participatory rulemaking on radiological criteria for decommissioning. An NRC representative will, however, describe the status of NRC's plans for the enhanced participatory rulemaking. NRC has also planned a panel discussion led by NRC licensees involved in the site decommissioning process.

Presentations during the workshop will be limited to invited speakers. All attendees are encouraged to participate in question-and-answer sessions after each series of presentations, as well as in the small group breakout sessions to discuss specific issues. Persons who wish to include specific topics in the workshop should contact Mr. Harvey Spiro at the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harvey J. Spiro, Decommissioning and Regulatory Issues Branch, Division of Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 504-2559.