## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

# BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)
PA'INA HAWAII, LLC	)))
Materials License Application	)

Docket No. 30-36974-ML

ASLBP No. 06-843-01-ML

## SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR SUPPLEMENTS TO PA'INA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff responds to the Board's July 16, 2010 Order<sup>1</sup> directing the Staff to provide scheduling information concerning the dates by which the Staff expects to issue draft and final supplements to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Pa'ina Hawaii, LLC's proposed irradiator.<sup>2</sup> In its order the Board also directed that the Staff allow no less than thirty days for written public comments on the draft supplement to the EA.<sup>3</sup>

The dates below are the Staff's current best estimates of when it will issue the draft and final supplements to the Pa'ina EA. These dates reflect a Staff review period of approximately six months from today's date, in addition to a thirty-day public comment period.

- Draft supplement to EA issued Monday, <u>December 6, 2010</u>
- Public comment period ends Thursday, <u>January 6, 2011</u>
- Final supplement to EA issued Monday, March 7, 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order (Requesting Scheduling Information) (July 16, 2010) at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The draft and final supplements will address (1) the alternative technology of electron-beam irradiation,
(2) alternative sites, and (3) the environmental consequences of accidents that might occur during the annual transport of cobalt-60 sources to and from Pa'ina's proposed irradiator.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order at 2. Comments will be limited to the three subjects addressed in the draft supplement. *Id.* 

The Staff would emphasize that these dates may need to be revised based on factors the Staff cannot anticipate at this time. For example, as the Board noted in its Order, the Staff cannot anticipate with absolute certainty the number of comments on the draft supplement to which it must respond.<sup>4</sup> The Staff will notify the Board and the other parties immediately if the above estimates need to be revised.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland This 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Order at 2.

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I hereby certify that today, July 29, 2010, copies of "SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR SUPPLEMENTS TO PA'INA EA" were served on the recipients listed below by electronic mail, as indicated by an asterisk (\*); by deposit in the United States mail, as indicated by a double asterisk (\*\*); or by deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, as indicated by a triple asterisk (\*\*\*).

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