

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
)
SHIELDALLOY METALLURGICAL CORP.) Docket No. 40-7102-MLA
)
(Licensing Amendment Request for)
Decommissioning of the)
Newfield, New Jersey Facility))

NRC STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

As directed by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in its November 23, 2010 order,¹ the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff submits its bimonthly report regarding the status of its review of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's decommissioning plan (DP) for its Newfield, New Jersey facility. The Staff submitted its last status report on March 25, 2011.

As stated in prior status reports, on January 3, 2011 the NRC's Office of the Secretary issued an order asking Shieldalloy and the State of New Jersey to submit their views on whether the NRC should reinstate its transfer of regulatory authority over Shieldalloy's Newfield facility to New Jersey, or whether the NRC should retain regulatory authority over the facility. On February 4, 2011, Shieldalloy and New Jersey submitted initial responses to the Secretary's order. On February 11, 2011, Shieldalloy and New Jersey each responded to the other party's initial submittal.

NRC employees responsible for advising the Commission continue to evaluate the views of Shieldalloy and New Jersey on the issue presented in the Secretary's January 3, 2011 order. As stated in prior status reports, the Staff does not expect to resume review of Shieldalloy's DP until the Commission reaches a decision on this issue. Further, whether the Staff resumes review of the DP will depend on the nature of the Commission's decision.

¹ Order (Reinstating Status Report Requirement) (November 23, 2010).

Consistent with the Board's November 23, 2010 order, the Staff will file an updated status report no later than Monday, July 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
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