

The IAEA Codes of Practice and Safety Guides are developed in the following way. The IAEA receives and collates relevant existing information used by member countries. Using this collation as a starting point, an IAEA Working Group of a few experts then develops a preliminary draft. This preliminary draft is reviewed and modified by the IAEA Technical Review Committee to the extent necessary to develop a draft acceptable to them. This draft Code of Practice or Safety Guide is then sent to the IAEA Senior Advisory Group which reviews and modifies the draft as necessary to reach agreement on the draft and then forwards it to the IAEA Secretariat to obtain comments from the Member States. The Senior Advisory Group then considers the Member State comments, again modifies the draft as necessary to reach agreement and forwards it to the IAEA Director General with a recommendation that it be accepted.

As part of this program, Safety Guide SG-08, "Surveillance of Important Systems and Components in Nuclear Power Plants," has been developed. The Working Group, consisting of Mr. J. Burtheret of France; Mr. P. V. Gujar of India; and Mr. R. E. Denton (Baltimore Gas and Electric Company) of the United States of America, developed the initial draft of this Safety Guide from an IAEA collation during a meeting on February 12-23, 1979. The Working Group draft was modified by the IAEA Technical Review Committee in a meeting on July 2-6, 1979. We are soliciting comments on Revision 2 of this Safety Guide dated July 5, 1979. Comments on this draft received by November 15, 1979 will be useful to the U.S. representatives to the Technical Review Committee and Senior Advisory Group in evaluating its adequacy prior to the next IAEA discussion.

Single copies of this draft may be obtained by a written request to the Director, Office of Standards Development, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(5 U.S.C. 522(a))

Dated at Rockville, Md. this 25th day of September 1979.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert B. Minogue,
Director, Office of Standards Development.

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Regulatory Guide; Withdrawal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has withdrawn Regulatory Guide 5.2, "Classification of Unirradiated Plutonium and Uranium Scrap," which was issued December 20, 1972. It

endorses two standards, ANSI N15.1—1970, "Classification of Unirradiated Uranium Scrap," and ANSI N15.10—1972, "Classification of Unirradiated Plutonium Scrap," that have been withdrawn by the American National Standards Institute. Equivalent recommendations to those contained in the standards and guide have been incorporated in the current material classification codes contained in the instructions for Form NRC-741, "Nuclear Material Transaction Report." The withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 5.2 does not affect any licensing commitments.

Regulatory guides are developed to describe and make available to the public methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations and, in some cases, to delineate techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems. Guides may be withdrawn when they are superseded by the Commission's regulations, when equivalent recommendations have been incorporated in applicable approved codes and standards, or when changes in methods and techniques or in the need for specific guidance have made them obsolete.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of September 1979.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert B. Minogue,
Director, Office of Standards Development.

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Maine Yankee Atomic Power Co. [Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant]; Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

On July 13, 1979, John M. R. Paterson, Deputy Attorney General of the State of Maine, requested on the State's behalf that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, initiate appropriate proceedings to impose penalties against Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company for an alleged violation of the operating license for its Maine Yankee facility. The Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement has treated the request as a petition for action under 10 CFR 2.206. Upon a review of Maine Yankee's license requirements, the Director has determined that no violation of regulatory or license requirements has occurred. Accordingly, the State of Maine's request has been denied.

Copies of the Director's decision are available for inspection in the

Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and in the Local Public Document Room at the Wiscasset Public Library, High Street, Wiscasset, Maine 04578. A copy of this decision will also be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for review by the Commission in accordance with 10 CFR 2.296(c) of the Commission's regulations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.06(c) of the Commission's regulations, this decision will constitute the final action of the Commission twenty (20) days after the date of issuance, unless the Commission on its own motion institutes a review of this decision within that time.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 27th day of September, 1979.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Victor Stello, Jr.,
Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement.

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[Docket No. 40-8747]

Negative Declaration Regarding Issuance of a Byproduct Material License for Operation of the Hobson Project in Karnes County, Tex.

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of the Negative Declaration and a Byproduct Material License to Everest Minerals Corporation (40-8747).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuing a license to own, use, and possess byproduct material as mill tailings under the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) (44 FR 47192) for an in-situ uranium extraction operation by Everest Minerals Corporation near Hobson, Texas, in Karnes County. The Division of Waste Management staff has prepared an environmental impact appraisal stating that there will be no significant environmental impact attributable to the action.

The environmental impact appraisal and license is available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although Texas is an Agreement State for issuing source material licenses, the UMTRCA requires a byproduct material license be issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for in-situ operations