

**SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT
PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TIME SCHEDULE FOR MATERIALS LICENSE NUMBER
37-31379-02, TERRANEARPMC, LLC**

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SUMMARY

TerranearPMC, LLC (TerranearPMC) is authorized by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) License 37-31379-02 for the possession and use of byproduct material for the purposes decontamination, decommissioning and remediation only at temporary job sites. TerranearPMC submitted a request from relief from notifying the NRC in writing of such occurrence as stated in 10 CFR 30.36(d), 10 CFR 40.42(d), or 10 CFR 70.38(d) and either begin decommissioning or submit within 12 months of notification a DP, if required by 10 CFR 30.36(g)(1), and begin decommissioning upon approval of that plan in a letter dated September 29, 2017, and the subsequent termination of the license. TerranearPMC provided additional information in a letter dated November 17, 2017. TerranearPMC is not required to establish financial assurance as stated in Condition 14.

SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

TerranearPMC provided that the last principal use of the license was on October 4, 2015. The date a request for extension if required is before 30 days after October 4, 2017, or by November 3, 2017. The request was provided September 29, 2017. TerranearPMC requested that the postponement be till September 30, 2019. TerranearPMC does not have any sites that need decommissioning at this time thus a Decommissioning Plan would not be required. TerranearPMC continues to pursue contracts to perform decommissioning services and over the last year and a half, submitted radiological services and support bids to over eight potential clients. The amount of time and effort to actively search for work opportunities is labor intensive and requires significant investment of the licensee. The termination of the license would jeopardize the licensee from bidding, receiving or obtaining a contract. Relief from this requirement is in the best interest of the public as having qualified contractors competitively bidding on contracts should result in lower costs to the public. The service provider currently does not possess or own any radioactive material under the license and thus there is no impact upon the environment. An extension of the requested time period would not result in a potential for increased decommissioning costs.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

TerranearPMC, License No. 37-31379-02 was issued under 10 CFR Part 30, 40, and 70, Rules of General Applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct, Source, and Special Nuclear Material. The NRC is authorized by 10 CFR 30.36(f), 10 CFR 40.42(f), and 10 CFR 70.38(f) to extend the time periods as stated in 10 CFR 30.36(d), 10 CFR 40.42(d), or 10 CFR 70.38(d) if the Commission determines that this relief is not detrimental to the public health and safety and is otherwise in the public interest.

The staff evaluation is based on guidance in NUREG-1757, Volume 3, Revision 1, "Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance: Financial Assurance, Recordkeeping, and Timeliness." The central issue is whether the relief is not detrimental to the public health and safety and is otherwise in the public interest.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An environmental assessment for this action is not required since decommissioning of this licensee is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(20).

CONCLUSION

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's request to extend the time period established in 10 CFR 30.36(d), 10 CFR 40.42(d), and 10 CFR 70.38(d), according to NUREG-1757, Volume 3, Revision 1, Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance: Financial Assurance, Recordkeeping, and Timeliness." TerranearPMC ceased principal activities at a temporary job site, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, in San Francisco, California on October 4, 2015. The NRC received a request to extend the time period established for initiation of decommissioning to September 30, 2019, on September 29, 2017 in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 30.36(f), 10 CFR 40.42(f), and 10 CFR 70.38(f). As there is no site that needs decommissioning, there is no impact upon the environment due to the delay of decommissioning and termination of the license. It is in the public's interest to allow TerranearPMC to extend the time period established for initiation of decommissioning for a period to not to exceed September 30, 2019, for the following reason: TerranearPMC is a qualified service licensee having the ability to provide decommissioning services. Additional bidders for contracts that support radiological decommissioning should result in more competition from companies and lower the cost to facilities. Therefore the relief is not detrimental to the public health and safety and is otherwise in the public interest.

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