

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 40-8355AMAX INC.NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING STORAGE OF
CONTAMINATED SOIL UNDER LICENSE

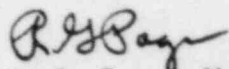
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering licensing AMAX Inc., to stabilize and store soil contaminated with source material at a site in Wood County, West Virginia. The low-level contamination resulted from past zirconium ore processing operations at the site. AMAX Inc. has proposed to collect and move all soil contaminated above acceptable limits to a central area on the site and to stabilize the wastes under a clay cap designed to reduce water infiltration, prohibit dispersal of solid radioactive particulates into air and to limit any radon or thoron emissions. The stabilized material would remain in storage under a license issued by the Commission to AMAX Inc.

The Commission's Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety has prepared an environmental impact appraisal for the proposed contaminated soil stabilization and storage actions. On the basis of this appraisal, the Commission has concluded that the environmental impact created by the proposed actions would not be significant and does not warrant the preparation of an environmental impact statement, and, accordingly, it has been determined that a negative declaration is appropriate. The environmental impact appraisal is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room

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at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. A copy may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, ATTENTION: Director, Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 3rd day of May, 1982.



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