

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 11006380; NRC-2020-0198]

Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Export license application; opportunity to provide comments, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received and is considering issuing an export license amendment (XW027/01), requested by Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc. (PFNW). The request seeks the NRC's approval for a license amendment authorizing the export of up to 60,000 kilograms of radioactive waste to Germany. The NRC is providing notice of the opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition to intervene on PFWN's application.

DATES: Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal Rulemaking Website**:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0198**. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For

technical questions contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Email comments to:** Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov. If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301-415-1677.

- **Fax comments to:** Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

- **Mail comments to:** Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen C. Baker, Office of International Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-287-9059, email: Stephen.Baker@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to **NRC-2020-0198** or **Docket No. 11006380** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0198**.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public

Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The export license amendment application from PFNW is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21354A043.

- **NRC’s PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC’s PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal rulemaking website** (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include **NRC-2020-0198** or **Docket No. 11006380** in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment

submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

In accordance with paragraph 110.70(b) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the NRC is noticing the receipt of an export license amendment application submitted by PFNW on December 20, 2021, for the export of German-origin radioactive waste from PFNW processing facilities to Germany. The application seeks authorization to export no greater than 60,000 kilograms and 0.05 terabecquerels of low-level radioactive waste in the form of residual ash and residual metal or non-combustible material. The amendment application requests an expiration date of September 1, 2026.

The NRC is noticing the receipt of the application; providing the opportunity to submit written comments concerning the application; and providing the opportunity to request a hearing or petition for leave to intervene, for a period of 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. Any request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner in accordance with 10 CFR 110.89. A hearing request or petition for leave to intervene must include the information specified in 10 CFR 110.82(b).

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed with the NRC electronically in accordance with NRC's E-Filing rule promulgated in August 2007 (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR 46562, August 3, 2012). Information about filing electronically is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. To ensure timely electronic filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the petitioner/requestor should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov, or by calling 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its

counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the hearing in this proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

The information concerning this application for an export license amendment follows.

NRC EXPORT LICENSE AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Application Information	
Name of Applicant	Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc. (PFNW)
Date of Application	December 13, 2021
Date Received	December 20, 2021
Application No.	XW027/01
Docket No.	11006380
ADAMS Accession No.	
Description of Material	
Material Type	Radioactive material consisting of dry active waste, incinerable dry active material including personal protective equipment, paper, glass, plastic, and liquid. The waste was generated by medical and pharmaceutical research projects and other industries (excluding Nuclear Power Plants).
Total Quantity	This license authorizes the export of up to 60,000 kilograms of residual ash and residual metal or non-combustible material that cannot be recycled. Any non-conforming waste that cannot be treated may be returned in its original state. The maximum quantity of material returned will not exceed .05 TBq.

End Use	Disposal in Germany.
Country of Destination	Germany

Dated: January 24, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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David L. Skeen, Deputy Director,
Office of International Programs.