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**SUBJECT: HONEYWELL METROPOLIS WORKS DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN
2022 TRIENNIAL UPDATE EXECUTED FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS -
ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER L-2022-DFA-0000**

Dear Sean Patterson:

By letter dated December 19, 2022 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML22346A074), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informed you of its approval of Honeywell Metropolis Works' (Honeywell) decommissioning funding plan (DFP) and decommissioning cost estimate (DCE) 2022 triennial update. The updated DFP/DCE was submitted by letter dated January 5, 2022 (ML22011A199) and supplemented by letters dated March 24, 2022 (ML22088A073), July 19, 2022 (ML22203A060), October 7, 2022 (ML22304A693), and November 9, 2022 (ML22321A231).

In its December 19, 2022, letter, the NRC staff requested, pursuant to the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Paragraph 40.36(e), that Honeywell submit, within 30 days, an executed financial instrument reflecting the approved dollar amount. In response, by letter dated February 13, 2023 (ML23062A143), Honeywell submitted letters of credit from six banks that provide the required decommissioning financial assurance for the Metropolis Works facility and a Certification of Financial Assurance, in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR 70.25(e)(1)(iv). In its letter, Honeywell stated that the sum of the amounts of the letters of credit meets the required decommissioning financial assurance amount as approved by the NRC. The NRC staff reviewed Honeywell's submittal and determined that there were issues with the executed instruments that needed to be addressed prior to being signed by the cognizant NRC official. As such, by letter dated March 9, 2023 (ML23065A298), the NRC staff provided its comments on the submitted instruments for Honeywell's consideration and action. By letter dated April 26, 2023 (ML23207A092), Honeywell provided its response to the NRC staff's comments and revised executed instruments, as well. The NRC staff reviewed Honeywell's submittal and noted that there was still a typo in the amended Schedules A and B (Amendment 6) of the Standby Trust Agreement (STA) that needed to be addressed before proceeding with signature by the cognizant NRC manager. The NRC staff contacted you via phone call to notify you of this issue and request submittal of a corrected Amendment 6 of the STA. On July 12, 2023, the NRC staff received the corrected document (Proprietary Information) via regular mail.

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We have completed our review of the executed financial instruments and determined that Honeywell has addressed all the identified issues and that the submitted financial instruments are sufficient to cover the current costs as approved by the NRC, as well. The enclosure to this letter provides the two, non-public, duplicate originals of the amended STA signed by the cognizant NRC official as requested by Honeywell in its February 13, 2023, letter.

Within 30 days of the date of this letter Honeywell must submit a copy of its revised license renewal application (LRA) updating the information in section 10.1, "Financial Assurance for Decommissioning," to reflect the most recently approved DFP update and supplemental letters. The NRC will amend license number SUB-526, for Honeywell, following receipt of this information reflecting the most recent version of the LRA. Efforts under Enterprise Project Identifier (EPID) L-2022-DFA-0000 will be closed after the NRC issues the amended license.

With regard to your request (affidavit) to protect, as "Proprietary Information," the financial documents enclosed to your February 13, 2023, letter, and the subsequent April 26, 2023, and July 12, 2023, submittals, the NRC staff reviewed the information in the documents and, based on its review of the information and statements provided within, the NRC staff determined that, as stated in the affidavit, the documents contain commercial proprietary and financial information and, as such, should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the documents will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter, without the enclosure, will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Mr. Osiris Siurano-Pérez, Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-7827 or via e-mail at Osiris.Siurano-Perez@nrc.gov. The PDR is open by appointment. 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 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Sincerely,



Signed by Lav, Samantha
on 08/01/23

Samantha Lav, Chief
Fuel Facility Licensing Branch
Division of Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 40-3392
License No. SUB-526

Enclosure:
Copy of Signed STA (Non-Public)

cc: honeywell@listmgr.nrc.gov

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