

the test standard of this fact and provide that organization with appropriate relevant information upon which its concerns are based;

FMRC must not engage in or permit others to engage in any misrepresentation of the scope or conditions of its recognition. As part of this condition, FMRC agrees that it will allow no representation that it is either a recognized or an accredited Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) without clearly indicating the specific equipment or material to which this recognition is tied, or that its recognition is limited to certain products;

FMRC must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major changes in its operations as an NRTL, including details;

FMRC will continue to meet all the terms of its recognition and will always comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition;

FMRC will continue to meet the requirements for recognition in all areas where it has been recognized; and

FMRC will always cooperate with OSHA to assure compliance with the spirit as well as the letter of its recognition and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC this 3rd day of August, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-4-93]

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of Underwriters Laboratory Inc. (UL), for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of this application.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties must be received no later than October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). UL's expansion covers the use of additional testing sites. OSHA recognizes an organization as an NRTL and processes applications related to such recognitions following requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Appendix A to this section requires that OSHA publish this notice of the preliminary finding on an application.

UL's previous application as an NRTL covered an expansion of recognition (62 FR 62359, 11/21/97), which OSHA granted on June 24, 1999 (64 FR 33913).

The current addresses of the testing facilities (sites) that OSHA already recognizes for UL are:
Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 1285 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, Long Island, New York 11747

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 1655 Scott Boulevard, Santa Clara, California 95050

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 12 Laboratory Drive, P.O. Box 13995, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 2600 NW Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607

UL International Limited, Veristrong Industrial Centre, Block B, 14th Floor, 34 Au Pui Wan Street, Fo Tan Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong
UL International Services, Ltd., Taiwan Branch, 4th Floor, 260 Da-Yeh Road, Pei Tou District, Taipei, Taiwan

The current addresses of the additional UL testing sites covered by the expansion request are:
DEMKO A/S, Lyskaer 8, P.O. Box 514, DK-2730, Herlev, Denmark

Underwriters Laboratory International (U.K.) Ltd., 2 Station View, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4JY, United Kingdom
Underwriters Laboratory International Italia S.r.l., Centro Direzionale Colleoni, Palazzo Andromeda/3, 1-20041 Agrate Brianza (MI), Milan, Italy

General Background on the Application and Note on Supplemental Programs

UL has submitted a request, dated March 4, 1998 (see Exhibit 19A), to expand its recognition as an NRTL to include three sites in Europe. UL then submitted supporting information concerning its request (see Exhibits 19B-D) and requested the use of all the "supplemental" programs at each of the 3 sites (see Exhibit 19E). The supporting information that UL has submitted for these additional sites provides a general description of UL operations and, as such, also applies to the sites already recognized by OSHA. Each of the three European sites is a subsidiary of UL. The site in Milan also includes a testing facility in Sardinia, Italy.

OSHA's recognition of the three additional sites will not be limited to any particular test standards. However, recognition of these sites will be limited to performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for which OSHA has recognized UL. This treatment is consistent with the recognition that OSHA has granted to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites. Also, OSHA will permit these sites to use of all eight of the "supplemental" programs. OSHA has already recognized UL for these programs and, as a result, we are not listing them again in this notice, but merely providing this information as a matter of public interest.

OSHA has described the supplemental programs referred to above in a March 9, 1995 **Federal Register** notice (60 FR 12980, 3/9/95). This notice described nine (9) programs and procedures (collectively, programs), eight of which an NRTL may use to control and audit, but not actually to generate, the data relied upon for product certification. The notice also includes the criteria for the use by the NRTL of these eight, or supplemental, programs. An NRTL's initial recognition will always include the first or basic program, which requires that all product testing and evaluation be performed in-house by the NRTL that will certify the product. OSHA developed the program descriptions to limit how an NRTL may perform certain aspects of its work and to permit the activities only when the

NRTL meets certain criteria. In this sense, they are special conditions that the Agency places on an NRTL's recognition. OSHA does not consider these programs in determining whether an NRTL meets the requirements for recognition, or for an expansion or renewal of recognition, under 29 CFR 1910.7.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

UL has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with these requests, OSHA carried out on-site reviews of the three sites covered by the expansion request during the period of September 14–29, 1998. Discrepancies noted by the review team during the on-site reviews were responded to following their completion and are included as an integral part of the on-site review report (see Exhibits 20). With the preparation of the final review report, the NRTL Program staff is satisfied that UL has addressed concerns arising from the review. In the report, the staff recommended that OSHA expand the recognition of UL to include the three (3) additional sites listed above. The staff also recommended that these sites be permitted to use all the supplemental programs.

Following a review of the application file and the on-site review report, the NRTL Program staff concluded that UL appeared to have met the requirements for the expansion of recognition to include the three (3) additional sites listed above. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved. This recognition will be limited to UL utilizing the additional sites for performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for which OSHA has recognized UL.

Based upon a review of the complete application, and the recommendations of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that Underwriters Laboratory Inc., can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of its recognition to include the three additional sites listed above, subject to the above limitation. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether UL has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must

receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESS**), no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). You may obtain or review copies of UL's requests, the supporting information, the on-site review report, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-4-93, the permanent records of public information on UL's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant UL's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR Section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 3rd day of August, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,
Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of the Public Affairs Advisory Group is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name of Committee: Public Affairs Advisory Group (PAAG).

Purpose: The Group's objective is twofold. First, the Group will assess NSF's current public affairs programs, strategies and goals aimed at improving public understanding and appreciation of science and engineering research and education. Second, the Group will advise NSF on strategies and mechanisms for strengthening NSF's public affairs programs in the future. This includes help in building strategic partnerships between NSF and the private sector that will amplify the agency's public affairs programs.

Balanced Membership Plans. Members are broadly representative of

communications and public affairs professions—public relations, print and broadcast journalism, science and technology publishing, science policy analysis, science and technology education and outreach, and entertainment—and engineering and science professionals successful in making science and technology accessible to large publics. Stature and familiarity with NSF and its programs are considered in selecting committee members. Every effort is made to achieve a balanced membership with representation including women, minority members, disabled persons as well as different geographic regions in the U.S. About 20 individuals will serve on this committee.

Responsible NSF Official: Susan Chase, Acting Section Head, Special Projects, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, Room 1245, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, telephone, (703) 306-1070.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-397]

Energy Northwest, Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Energy Northwest (the licensee), formerly known as the Washington Public Power Supply System, to withdraw its October 15, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 for WNP-2, located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to secondary containment drawdown time and secondary containment bypass leakage.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1998 (63 FR 50942). However, by letter dated July 16, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed change and stated that they planned to revise and resubmit the amendment request by November 12, 1999.