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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN OHIO  
ON DECOMMISSIONING OF SHIELDALLOY FACILITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting September 16 in Cambridge, Ohio, to discuss its draft environmental impact statement on the proposed decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation facility there.

The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Highway.

The draft environmental report was published in July, with public comments requested by October 31.

The Shieldalloy plant currently manufactures ferrovanadium, an alloy used in high-grade steel that does not contain radioactive materials. However, the previous owner, Foote Mineral Company, processed columbium ore from the early 1950s until 1973. These operations resulted in slightly radioactive slag in the form of a glass-like rock. Shieldalloy has a license to possess this material. The slag is NRC-regulated, but the agency does not believe it threatens the safety of nearby residents.

Shieldalloy proposes to decommission the site by on-site stabilization and disposal of the two slag piles that contain radioactive material.

The draft document to be discussed at the September 16 meeting evaluates the environmental impacts associated with this proposed approach, together with alternative approaches.

Free single copies of the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation, Cambridge, Ohio Facility" (NUREG-1543) are available by written request to the NRC Publications Section, Attention: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082, or by calling 202/512-1800.

A copy of the report is available for review at the Guernsey County District Public Library, 800 Steubenville Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio.

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