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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-609; NRC-2013-0235]

Construction Permit Application for the Northwest Medical Isotopes, LLC, Medical Radioisotope Production Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental impact statement; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the construction permit application submitted on February 5, 2014, by Northwest Medical Isotopes, LLC (NWMI) for the NWMI Medical Radioisotope Production Facility, NUREG-2209 (NWMI facility).

DATES: The final EIS for the NWMI Construction Permit is available as of **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2013-0235** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2013-0235**. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In accordance with § 51.118 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the NRC is making available the final EIS for the Construction Permit Application for the NWMI facility. The draft EIS was noticed by the NRC in the *Federal Register* on November 9, 2016

(81 FR 78865), and noticed by the Environmental Protection Agency on November 10, 2016 (81 FR 79019). The public comment period on the draft EIS ended on December 29, 2016, and the comments received are addressed in the final EIS. The final EIS is available as indicated in the ADDRESSES section of this document.

II. Discussion

As discussed in Chapter 6 of the final EIS, the NRC determined that after weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other benefits against environmental and other costs, and considering reasonable alternatives, the NRC staff recommends the issuance of the construction permit to NWMI, unless safety issues mandate otherwise. This recommendation is based on (1) NWMI's Environmental Report, (2) the NRC's consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies, (3) the NRC's independent environmental review; and (4) the NRC's consideration of public comments.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of May 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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