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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff  
Washington, DC 20555

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PROPOSED RULE 72  
(65 FR 3397)

References:

- (a) License No. DPR-36 (Docket No. 50-309)
- (b) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Memorandum, Susan F. Shankman to Catherine Haney, dated, November 1, 1999.
- (c) Safety Analysis Report for the UMS Universal Storage System, Revision 2, NAC International, October 1999, Docket No. 72-1015.
- (d) Proposed Rule: List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC UMS Addition, Federal Register 65FR3397, dated, January 21, 2000.

Subject: Rulemaking Comments on the NAC International Universal Storage System (NAC-UNS)

Dear Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company's endorsement of the Proposed Rulemaking (Reference d.) to add the NAC-UMS Universal Storage System to the 10CFR Part 72 list of approved spent fuel casks. MY intends to utilize the NAC-UMS system for the storage of spent nuclear fuel at the Maine Yankee Power Station located in Wiscasset, Maine.

Maine Yankee is a member of the NAC Nuclear Technology Users Group (NUTUG), which represents the group of utility owners that are committed to implementing the NAC systems at their plant sites. Maine Yankee fully endorses the Rulemaking comments to the NAC-UMS Universal Storage System submitted by NUTUG under separate cover.

Although Maine Yankee endorses the NUTUG comments to the Technical Specifications contained in the draft Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for the NAC-UMS, we remain committed to achieving the objectives of the NEI Task Force to standardize the dry spent fuel storage technical specifications.

Maine Yankee is pleased to have participated with NAC and NUTUG in the design and licensing effort for the NAC-UMS System. We look forward to the prompt completion of Rulemaking activities and the issuance of a final SER and CoC for this system.

Should the NRC Staff have any questions, please contact me at (207) 882-5824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Zinke", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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