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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attn: Timothy J. McGinty/Christopher P. Jackson

Subject: Intention to respond to USNRC Letter, "Schedule for Review of Dual-Purpose Casework" (Docket Nos. 72-1015, 72-1025, 71-9270)

References: 1. Schedule for Review of Dual-Purpose Casework, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, July 20, 2000

NAC International (NAC) has received the Reference 1 letter and schedule. NAC is continuing a review of the schedules defined for the four NAC dual-purpose cask applications that are addressed in Reference 1.

During the past week several discussions and a NAC and Maine Yankee (MY) meeting with the NRC staff have been held to consider the schedule for the UMS-MY Amendment to the NAC-UMS[®] Certificate of Compliance (CoC). These communications have focused on ensuring that the review and approval of the amendment will support the MY fuel loading scheduled to begin in April 2001. Similar discussions, and possibly a meeting, with the NRC staff on the applications for the NAC-UMS[®] Transport Cask CoC, the Connecticut Yankee CY-MPC Amendment, and the Yankee Rowe NAC-MPC Amendment will likely be necessary.

NAC notes that some important upcoming amendment applications for the NAC-UMS[®] System are not shown on the schedule. Additional NRC staff resources will be required to review these applications, which include amendments for enhancements to the NAC-UMS[®] design, MY fuel dispersion, and advanced designs for 32 PWR and 69 BWR fuel assemblies.

NAC will provide summary review comments and proposed modifications to the subject schedule not later than August 15, 2000.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at (770) 447-1144.

Sincerely,



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