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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE NUHOMS® STANDARDIZED  
STORAGE SYSTEM (TAC NO. L23137 )

Dear Mr.Grenier:

This responds to your July 15, 2000, application for Amendment No. 3 of the NUHOMS® Certificate of Compliance No. 1004. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) schedule to perform the subject review. The schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the subject application through calendar year 2001. With your assistance, the staff's goal is to complete the preliminary Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and preliminary Certificate of Compliance (CoC) to add the model 61BT Dry Shielded Canisters to the authorized contents of your NUHOMS® storage system by March 31, 2001. The 11-month rulemaking process will then follow the issuance of the preliminary SER and CoC. However, we plan to pursue the direct final rulemaking process for your amendment application, which may reduce the time needed to complete the rulemaking. The following schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed or as correction to the milestones are needed to reflect NRC's casework prioritization.

**NUHOMS® Amendment No. 3**

<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1. TN-West Application Received	07/15/00 Completed
2. NRC Acceptance Review, Issue Schedule	08/25/00 Target
3. NRC Generates 1 <sup>st</sup> RAI	11/24/00 Target
4. RAI Meeting Scheduled, if needed	12/15/00 Target
5. TN-West responds to 1 <sup>st</sup> RAI	01/16/01 Target
6. NRC Issue Preliminary SER and CoC	03/31/01 Target

To meet the above schedule, it is incumbent upon Transnuclear West (TN-West) to follow and meet the staff's recent guidance to applicants which was provided at the July 1, 1998, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Roundtable Workshop. In particular, TN-West must respond promptly and comprehensively to staff requests for additional information (RAIs). Staff initiatives to enhance the efficiency of the review process include the designation of specific teams to perform assigned technical reviews. Since designated review team activities rely on high

quality applications and timely responses, any delays by TN-West may result in significant impacts to the overall review schedule due to the team being diverted to other work. Similarly, should the staff determine that a second RAI is necessary to complete a review, it will result in rescheduling the entire review. Please notify me in writing, at least 2 weeks in advance of any milestone, of any instance which may result in your inability to meet the above schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8584.

Sincerely,

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