

September 29, 2000

Mr. Robert M. Grenier
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SUBJECT: REVISED SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE NUHOMS®
STANDARDIZED STORAGE SYSTEM (TAC NO. L23137)

Dear Mr.Grenier:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) revised schedule for performing the review of the subject application. The previous schedule, issued by NRC on August 22, 2000, reflected the generation of a request for additional information by November 24, 2000. As you are aware, the NRC has established dedicated teams to perform several spent fuel storage and transportation cask reviews and developed schedules based on certain assumptions, priorities and need date of the applicant. The need for NRC's review team to review another higher priority assignment has caused us to revise the NUHOMS® Amendment No. 3 review schedule. Please note this revised schedule continues to maintain your user need date for a 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 following revised schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the subject application through calendar year 2001.

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 Completed
3. NRC Generates 1 st RAI	12/8/00 Target
4. RAI Meeting Scheduled, if needed	12/22/00 Target
5. TN-West responds to 1 st RAI	01/22/01 Target
6. NRC Issue Preliminary SER and CoC	03/31/01 Target

As stated in our earlier letter, 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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