

November 19, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: Thomas H. Essig, Acting Branch Chief
Generic Issues and Environmental Projects Branch
Division of Reactor Program Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Eric J. Leeds, Section Chief
Spent Fuel Licensing Section
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST - REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASPECTS (INCLUDING DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING) FOR THE PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, L.L.C. INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

By application dated June 20, 1997, and in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72, Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C., (PFS), a limited liability company, requested a site-specific license for an independent spent fuel storage installation at a proposed location on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians.

I am requesting that Mr. Robert Wood, of your staff, review the PFS License Application to determine PFS' demonstration of compliance with the financial provisions (including decommissioning funding) of 10 CFR Part 72 regulatory requirements. Upon completing the review, I am requesting that Mr. Wood provide input to the safety evaluation report and identify any necessary license condition that may be warranted. This input should be provided to this office by June 30, 1998, preferably in a WordPerfect format suitable for incorporation into a larger report. If a request for additional information is warranted, please coordinate through this office.

Upon your approval of this technical assistance request, a copy of the PFS License Application will be provided to Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood has previously assisted the Spent Fuel Project Office staff in the review of financial information related to spent fuel storage.

For this review, please reference Docket No. 72-22, TAC No. L22462, and RITS Code 221BC. Billable time may commence immediately.

I request that you approve this request by November 24, 1997. The Senior Project Manager for this activity is Mr. Mark Delligatti, who may be reached at 301-415-8518. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-8540.

Approved: _____
Thomas H. Essig Date

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