

June 22, 1998

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST (TAC NO. L22462)

Dear Mr. Parkyn:

In the license application (LA) submitted by Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS), PFS referenced the applications submitted by Holtec International and Sierra Nuclear Corporation for approval of their dual-purpose cask designs (Hi-Storm and TranStor, respectively) (see LA Sections 2-1, 3-1, and Appendix A). Based on the PFS application, it has been the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's understanding that PFS anticipates that review of these dual-purpose cask systems will proceed to rulemaking, and that PFS would then amend its application, if necessary, to reference the casks certified in the rulemaking process. This understanding is reflected, for example, in a Status Report transmitted by Staff Counsel to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board on June 15, 1998.

Although the staff believes it has correctly understood PFS's intentions, comments made by a PFS representative at a public meeting held on March 2, 1998, did not appear to reflect the same understanding. It is important that the staff have a clear understanding as to which cask designs it is required to review in connection with your application -- either certified casks, or casks which have not yet been certified. A determination that review is required for cask designs other than those which have been certified could affect NRC's allocation of resources, and the review schedule for PFS's application, among others. As stated in the staff's summary of the March 2 meeting, dated March 11, 1998 (at 2), PFS committed to providing clarification of its intentions concerning the cask designs to be used at the PFS site. Accordingly, in order for the staff to properly understand PFS's intentions concerning the casks to be reviewed for use at the PFS site, it is important that you provide clarification of PFS's position in this regard. Please provide the staff with PFS's position (coordinated with both cask applicants) as soon as possible.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mr. Mark Delligatti of my staff. Mr. Delligatti is the Senior Project Manager assigned to the review of the PFS application. He can be reached at (301) 415-8518.

Sincerely,

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