



Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C.

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Response to June 22, 1998 Information Request
Private Fuel Storage Facility
Docket No. 72-22/TAC No. L22462
Private Fuel Storage L.L.C.

Dear Sir:

In the June 22, 1998 letter from William F. Kane, Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. (PFS) was asked to provide clarification concerning the cask designs to be used at the Private Fuel Storage Facility (PFSF).

As set forth in the PSFS License Application and Safety Analysis Report submitted, PFS has selected two canister-based storage systems for use at the PFSF: the Holtec International HI-STORM 100 Cask System currently under review in NRC Docket No. 72-1014, and the Sierra Nuclear Corporation TranStor Storage Cask System currently under review in NRC Docket No. 71-1023. See License Application, ch. 2, p. 2-1; Safety Analysis Report, ch. 1.3, p. 1.3-1.

The NRC review of these two cask systems in Docket Nos. 72-1014 and 72-1023 under 10 C.F.R. Part 72, Subpart L is in process and PFS intends to rely upon the two cask system designs as they ultimately receive certification pursuant to Subpart L. PFS will amend its application as necessary to reflect the final certified design. Thus, the cask system designs to be considered with respect to the PFS application are those now under review as they will eventually be certified pursuant to Subpart L.

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Although PFS will rely on the certified designs, PFS may request - if we believe that it will result in a more efficient hearing process - that contentions relating to cask system design information not unique to the PFSF proceed to hearing based on the draft Safety Evaluation Reports for the casks, rather than awaiting the completion of the Subpart L rulemaking. We hope that the NRC Staff will consider such a request should PFS believe it to be appropriate.

We would be pleased to further discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Parkyn" with a stylized flourish at the end.

John D. Parkyn, Chairman
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