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MEMORANDUM TO: Charles L. Miller, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 19, 2001, MEETING WITH NAC
INTERNATIONAL REGARDING NAC'S PROPOSED
AMENDMENT 3 TO CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NO. 1015

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NAC then discussed their plans for reapplying to the NRC for Amendment 3 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1015. NAC's current plan is to split the application into one for the enhanced design features and one for STS implementation. NAC expressed a willingness to work with NRC staff to address the concerns raised in the meeting.

NAC had no current estimated date for re-submittal of the enhanced design features portion of the request, but stated they would keep NRC staff informed of the planned submittal date. NAC also suggested they submit a portion of the STS submittal for one discipline (criticality, structural, etc.) for an initial NRC review so that any generic NRC comments could then be incorporated into a complete submittal later. NRC staff agreed this approach would be desirable, given this is a first-time application for STS.

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