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SUBJECT: HI-STORM 100 REVIEW SCHEDULE (TAC NO. L23344)

Dear Mr. Gutherman:

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The staff has completed their review of the application and completed drafting the CoC and SER. The staff documented in the preliminary SER that the application met the requirements of 10 CFR Part 72 and is ready to begin the rulemaking process to add the HI-STORM 100 Cask System, as amended, to the 10 CFR 72.214 list of approved spent fuel storage casks.

However, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing many NRC-generated documents for sensitive information before publication. Accordingly, the HI-STORM 100 Cask System preliminary CoC and SER are being reviewed as part of this effort. These reviews were not included in the previously scheduled December 10, 2001, completion date. Therefore, NRC has elected to delay initiating rulemaking until the CoC and SER have been reviewed for sensitive information. At this time I do not have a revised completion date. The staff will make every effort to expedite their review.

If you have any comments or questions on this matter please contact me at (301) 415-8538.

Sincerely,

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