

January 31, 2002

Mr. Robert M. Grenier
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SUBJECT: NRC MILESTONE SCHEDULE FOR THE TRANSNUCLEAR WEST INC.,
APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
NO. 9255 (TAC NO. L23376)

Dear Mr. Grenier:

By letter dated October 3, 2001, Transnuclear West Inc., (TN West) submitted an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in accordance with 10 CFR Part 71 to revise Certificate of Compliance No. 9255, Docket No. 71-9255 regarding the NUHOMS® MP-187 Transportation Package. The application was supplemented by letter dated November 29, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the NRC's schedule to perform the subject review. The schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the subject application. Our goal is to have only one request for additional information (RAI). With your assistance, the staff's goal is to complete the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and amended Certificate of Compliance (CoC) in June 2002. The following schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed or as correction to the milestones are needed.

TN West Amendment

<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1. Application Received	10/03/01 Completed
2. NRC Acceptance Review	10/12/01 Completed
3. NRC Generates 1 st RAI (if needed)	03/28/02 Target
4. TN West Responds to 1 st RAI	04/29/02 Target
6. NRC Issue SER and CoC	06/26/02 Target

To meet the above schedule, it is incumbent upon TN West to follow and meet the staff's guidance to applicants which was provided at the July 1, 1998, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Roundtable Workshop. In particular, TN West must respond promptly and comprehensively to the staff's RAIs. Staff initiatives to enhance the efficiency of the review process include the designation of specific teams to perform assigned technical reviews. Since designated review team activities rely on high quality applications and timely responses, any delays by TN West may result in significant impacts to the overall review schedule due to the team being diverted to other work. You are hereby advised to notify me, in writing and at your earliest opportunity, of any instance which may result in your inability to meet the above schedule.

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If you have any questions regarding our review, you may contact me at (301) 415-1179. Please refer to Docket No. 71-9255 and TAC No. L23376 in future correspondence related to this review.

Sincerely,
/RA/

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