

January 31, 2002

Mr. Thomas C. Thompson, Director, Licensing
Engineering and Design Services
NAC International
655 Engineering Drive
Norcross, GA 30092

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW AND NRC REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR
THE NAC-UMS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On April 30, 1997, as supplemented on February 28, 2001, March 14, 2001, and November 16, 2001, NAC International (NAC) submitted information to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requesting approval and issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for the NAC-UMS transportation package. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your application contained the necessary information to begin our review and 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 Certificate of Compliance for the UMS transport cask by September 2002, or earlier if an RAI is not needed. The following schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed or as correction to the milestones are needed.

UMS Transport Cask

<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1. NAC Application Received	4/30/1997 Completed
2. NRC Accepted application	1/14/2002 Completed
3. NRC Issues Schedule	By date of this letter
4. NRC Generates RAI	4/12/2002 Target
4. NRC Schedules Vendor Meeting, if needed	5/30/2002 Target
5. NAC Responds to RAI	6/12/2002 Target
7. NRC Issue SER and CoC	9/14/2002 Target

To meet the above schedule, it is incumbent upon NAC to follow and meet the staff's recent guidance to applicants which was provided at the July 1, 1998, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Roundtable Workshop. In particular, NAC must respond promptly and comprehensively to staff's requests for additional information (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 NAC 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) 415-8584. Please refer to the Docket No. and TAC No. listed below in future correspondence related to this review.

Sincerely,
/RA/ original signed by /s/
Steven Baggett, Senior Project Manager
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Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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