

February 8, 2002

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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE STANDARDIZED NUHOMS®
SYSTEM HIGH BURNUP AMENDMENT (TAC NO. L23370)

Dear Mr. Grenier:

This responds to the Transnuclear West Inc. (TN West) August 31, 2001, application to amend Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1004, for the Standardized NUHOMS® System to allow the storage of high burnup B&W 15x15 spent fuel assemblies. By letter dated December 20, 2001, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notified you that it had completed its acceptance review of the application and found that the application contained sufficient information for NRC to preform a detailed technical review. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of NRC's schedule to complete the technical review.

The schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the subject application through calendar year 2002. With your assistance, the staff's goal is to issue the draft Certificate of Compliance (CoC) and Safety Evaluation Report (SER) by August 16, 2002.

The following schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed or as correction to the milestones are needed to reflect NRC's casework prioritization.

Standardized NUHOMS High Burnup Amendment No. 6 Review Schedule

<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1. Application Received	8/31/01 Completed
2. NRC Acceptance Review	12/20/01 Completed
3. NRC Generates 1 st RAI	3/25/02 Target
4. RAI Meeting Scheduled, if needed	4/3/02 Actual date may vary
5. TN West responds to 1 st RAI	5/31/02 Target
6. NRC Issue draft CoC and SER	8/16/02 Target

To meet the above schedule TN West must respond promptly and comprehensively to staff 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.

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Lastly, this letter is to notify you that I will be assuming the NRC project manager duties from Tim Kobetz for the reviews of this application amendment and the review of a topical report submitted on August 31, 2001, by Duke Power Company to support this application. Please reference Docket No. 72-1004 and TAC No. L23370 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1396.

Sincerely,
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