

March 25, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Cynthia A. Carpenter, Program Director
Policy and Rulemaking Program
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Charles L. Miller, Deputy Director **/RAI/**
Licensing and Inspection Directorate
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST - REVIEW OF
FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIABLO CANYON
INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

On December 21, 2001, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) submitted a license application for an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the assistance of your staff in the review of financial information provided by PG&E in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72 to determine if its financial qualifications to construct, operate, and decommission the ISFSI are in accordance with 10 CFR 72.22(e) and 72.30. As a result of this review, I am requesting that your staff provide input for a request for additional information (RAI), if necessary, and to the safety evaluation report (SER). The SER input should identify any necessary license conditions or technical specifications that may be warranted.

I request that, if an RAI is necessary, your staff provide questions by July 22, 2002. The input for the SER should be provided by January 17, 2003. Attached are those portions of the application that pertain to the financial review. If required, and upon request, my staff will provide you with a complete copy of the application. Also attached is Chapter 13 of NUREG-1567, "Standard Review Plan for Spent Fuel Dry Storage Facilities." This document was developed by the Spent Fuel Project Office to assist the staff in the ISFSI decommissioning portion of the review.

For this review please refer to Docket No. 72-26, TAC No. L23339. Billable time may commence immediately.

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I request that you approve this request by April 10, 2002. Please indicate your approval by signing below and returning this memorandum to me.

Approval: Cynthia A. Carpenter

Date

Attachment: 1. Diablo Canyon ISFSI application
financial information
2. NUREG-1567, Chapter 13

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I request that you approve this request by April 10, 2002. Please indicate your approval by signing below and returning this memorandum to me.

Approval: Cynthia A. Carpenter

Date

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