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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attn: Document Control Desk

Subject: Withdrawal of Requests for Approval of Alternatives to Codes and Standards for the NAC-MPC System (Docket No. 72-1025) and the NAC-UMS[®] System (Docket No. 72-1015)

- References:
1. Letter – “Alternatives to Codes and Standards for the NAC Multi-Purpose Canister (NAC-MPC) System (Docket No. 72-1025),” NAC International, May 1, 2002
 2. Letter – “Alternatives to Codes and Standards for the NAC-UMS[®] Universal Storage System (Docket No. 72-1015),” NAC International, May 1, 2002
 3. Conference Call, NRC/NAC, May 10, 2002

In accordance with the conference call (Reference 3) of May 10, 2002, NAC International (NAC) hereby withdraws the requests for approval of Alternatives to the Codes and Standards for the NAC-MPC System (Docket No. 72-1025) and the NAC-UMS[®] System (Docket No. 72-1015). This withdrawal is based on NAC's understanding that the requests, as submitted, do not address and/or meet all of the NRC's criteria for approval by the Spent Fuel Projects Office Director of changes to the Code Alternatives as defined in the Final Safety Analysis Reports (FSARs).

Within the next few days, NAC will submit a new request for approval of an Alternative to the ASME Code for the NAC-MPC System. This request will address a specific change in the required liquid penetrant examinations of the shield lid to canister shell weld, the urgency and benefits of the change and the specific group of casks involved. The change in Chapter 12 of the FSAR is included in the MPC-02B amendment request that was submitted for approval on May 15, 2002.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me on my direct line at (678) 328-1321.

Sincerely,



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