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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 13, 1999, "DROP-IN MEETING" WITH
TRANSNUCLEAR WEST, INC.

On January 13, 1999, representatives of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Transnuclear West, Inc. (TN-West) met to discuss TN-West's pending and future design reviews, licensing plans, and fabrication activities. An attendance list is included as Attachment 1, and Attachment 2 contains the meeting discussion items. This meeting was not Publicly Noticed as it was scheduled on short notice to accommodate the TN-West President who was in the area on other business. The one hour meeting was an exchange of information and no regulatory actions or decisions were made.

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Attachments:

- 1. Attendance List
- 2. Meeting Discussion Topics

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January 13, 1999, Meeting
between Transnuclear West, Inc.
and Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ATTENDANCE LIST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Robert Grenier	Transnuclear West
Mike Raddatz	NRC/SFPO
Joe Shea	NRC/SFPO
Dennis Reid	NRC/SFPO
Steven Baggett	NRC/SFPO

DISCUSSION TOPICS
JANUARY 13, 1999, "DROP-IN" MEETING BETWEEN
TRANSNUCLEAR WEST, INC. (TN-West)
AND NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

- General discussion on changes in Project Management. Steven Baggett will be the main point of contact for TN-West. Dennis Reid will be handling the fuel qualification amendment request. Joseph Shea will complete the amendment to the Part 72 Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for the weld thickness issue and the transfer of ownership from VECTRA to TN-West. Michael Raddatz will continue to manage the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) action. None of these changes will affect NRC commitments to deliverable dates.
- General discussion of the time constraints under which TN-West is working on the various NRC pending actions.
- General discussion of the NUHOMS MP-187 and SMUD site-specific licensing action, specifically, the use of the NUHOMS MP-187 as a storage cask to allow recovery of the DSC in the event of a non-credible accident beyond the design basis.
- TN-West discussed its approach to getting approvals for fuel and canister changes under Part 71 and then using Condition 9 of the Part 72 CoC to allow use of these casks or design changes under the general license provision of Part 72. TN-West has no schedule for completion of this analysis.
- Issue of extending the NUHOMS MP-187 transport cask to accommodate longer fuel assemblies. Longer assemblies are currently authorized under Part 72. TN-West will request a meeting to discuss the changes to the Part 71 CoC and will need an NRC decision as to whether such an action can be handled as an amendment to the CoC or if a new CoC will be generated. Staff consensus is that an amendment was possible. Timing of the meeting to be determined by TN-West.
- TN-West indicated it is waiting on the SMUD licensing action so that it can amend the Parts 71 and 72 approvals to allow for use of more fuel types. TN-West did not provide the number of amendments nor when they would be submitted to NRC.
- TN-West will continue to provide fabrication updates to the NRC Project Manager as a tool for NRC to better estimate work load projects for TN-West and its customers.
- Dennis Reid indicated that the NRC contractor reviewing the fuel qualification amendment request had expressed some concerns regarding the basis for the fuel qualification matrix. Dennis plans to hold a technical meeting with TN-West once the contractor has provided NRC a final analysis (due the week of January 18, 1999). No date was set for the meeting.
- General discussion of NUHOMS MP-187 drawing revision on wall thickness and use of Radiographic Inspection versus Dye Penetrant or Ultrasonic Examination on the containment welds. The proposed wall thickness tolerance changes did not appear to be a technical change

affecting safety of the unit but this will need to be verified by a more detailed NRC technical review.

- TN-West will be revising its NUHOMS MP-187 amendment request dated December 18, 1998, to include minor changes to wall thickness tolerances and will also provide a statement as to when NUHOMS MP-187 approval is needed and why. Robert Grenier was not clear as to when he could get such a letter out but will call with an estimated date.

- TN-West indicated it wants the SMUD amendment action completed so that the company can focus its energies toward broader application of its products to the nuclear industry.