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Mr. Robert M. Grenier  
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**SUBJECT: NUHOMS® MP187 AND NUHOMS-24P PACKAGES**

Dear Mr. Grenier:

The purpose of this letter is twofold. It is intended: (1) to provide you with my understanding of the key issues discussed during our January 13, 1999, meeting; and (2) to clarify a verbal request for information made by Mr. Michael Raddatz. Below is a summary of the salient points:

1) Changes in Project Management. I will be the main point of contact for Transnuclear West Inc. (TN-West). Mr. Dennis Reid will be handling the NUHOMS® MP187 (MP187) fuel qualification amendment request. Mr. Joe Shea will complete the amendment to the NUHOMS-24P Part 72 Certificate of Compliance (CoC) regarding the weld thickness and the transfer of ownership issues. Mr. Randy Hall will manage the Sacramento Municipal Utility District action. These changes will not affect previous Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) commitments to milestone deliverables.

2) A possible amendment to the MP187 transport cask design to accommodate longer fuel assemblies will be filed once you have completed the application. Prior to filing, you plan to meet with NRC staff to discuss the proposed amendment to the CoC.

3) We greatly appreciate the continuation of TN-West's initiative to provide periodic fabrication update summaries to NRC. These summaries are used by NRC staff to estimate future workloads and, thereby, provide better service to the industry.

4) TN-West will be revising its MP187 amendment request dated December 18, 1998, to include minor changes to wall thickness tolerances and will also provide a statement as to when the MP187 approval is needed and why. You completed this action by TN-West letter dated February 2, 1999. We will develop and provide you a review schedule with key milestones shortly.

5) Mike Raddatz had requested TN-West to provide a revised copy of the MP187 Safety Analysis Report (SAR) to reflect all information referenced in the CoC. TN-West provided Revision 9 to the SAR. However, we noted a problem with the content of the document.

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Specifically, the drawing revisions were older versions than those provided in Revision 8 of the SAR. As a result, TN-West provided correct drawing revisions.

If you have any questions please contact me at (301) 415-8584.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY /s/

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