

July 27, 1998

Mr. Thomas C. Thompson
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SUBJECT: REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR THE NAC-UMS, NAC-MPC, AND NAC-STC APPLICATIONS (TAC NOS. L 22452, L22511, L22447, AND L22394)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, as discussed during our telephone conversation of July 23, 1998, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) schedule for performing the subject reviews. The enclosed schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with each of the subject applications through the end of 1999. Upon completing the draft Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for the NAC International (NAC) multiple purpose canister system (MPC), NRC will begin the rulemaking process to add the NAC-MPC storage system to the approved list of casks under 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart K. We anticipate that completion of the rulemaking process will take approximately 11 months. The enclosed schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed and other key milestones are established.

To meet the enclosed schedule, it is incumbent upon NAC to follow and meet the staff's recent guidance to applicants provided at the July 1, 1998, Nuclear Energy Institute Workshop. In particular, NAC must respond promptly and comprehensively to staff requests for additional information. 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 NAC may result in significant impacts to the overall review schedule due to the team being diverted to other work. Please notify me, in writing at your earliest opportunity, of any circumstance that may result in your inability to meet the enclosed schedule.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY /s/

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NAC-UMS, -MPC & -STC REVIEW SCHEDULES

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>UMS - Storage</u>	<u>UMS - Transport</u>	<u>MPC</u>	<u>STC</u>
NAC	10/09/98			Response to 01/27/98 RAI 1	Response to 12/30/97 RAI 1
NRC	10/31/98	Issue RAI 1			
NAC	02/01/99	Response to RAI 1			
NRC	03/01/99			Issue Draft SER & CoC Commence Rulemaking	Issue Amendment
NRC	06/01/99	Issue Draft SER & CoC or Issue RAI 2			
NAC	08/13/99	Response to RAI 2 (if applicable)			
NRC	08/30/99		Issue RAI 1		
NRC	11/01/99	Issue Draft SER & CoC (if RAI 2 applicable)			
NAC	12/01/99		Response to RAI 1		

Enclosure