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Mr. U. B. Chopra
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Fremont, CA 94538-2324

SUBJECT: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DETERMINATION (TAC NO. L23606)

Dear Mr. Chopra:

By letter dated on March 19, 2003, Transnuclear, Inc., (TN) submitted the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for the Standardized Advanced NUHOMS® Horizontal Modular Storage System for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Revision 0. This submittal contained proprietary and non-proprietary versions of the FSAR. The non-proprietary version of the submittal has been made available electronically for public inspection in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC's) Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). TN requested that the proprietary version of the FSAR be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

The letter dated March 19, 2003, included an affidavit executed by Jayant Bondre on March 19, 2003, that requested the FSAR 72-109 Revision 0 (proprietary version) be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

The affidavit states that the submitted information should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (1) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by TN.
- (2) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by TN, is not customarily disclosed to the public and is transmitted to the Commission in confidence.
- (3) The information, to the best of TN's knowledge and belief, is not available in public sources and the release of such information might result in a loss of competitive advantage.

Based on your March 19, 2003, submittal, our review of the proprietary information listed, and the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, we have determined that this information is proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. It is the NRC's policy to achieve an effective balance between legitimate concerns for

protection of competitive positions and the right of the public to be fully apprised of the basis for and effects of licensing and rulemaking actions.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. Please be advised that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your withheld information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Mary Jane Ross-Lee, Senior Project Manager
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