

December 13, 2005

Mr. James R. Wade
Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW - ROUTE APPROVAL APPLICATION (NRC NO. 195, 202, and 221) BOTH DOE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE, AIKEN, SC TO IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY, SCOVILLE, ID ROUTES, AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TX, TO IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY, SCOVILLE, ID

Dear Mr. Wade:

On behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I would like to inform you that the NRC staff has determined the contents of the three route applications for transportation of spent nuclear fuel, dated October 12, 2005, is complete. However, the NRC is currently unable to review the spent fuel shipment routes you submitted under the existing NRC/DOE interagency agreement (see DE-A101-04-EW07019, task 2), because no funds are currently obligated for task 2.

On the most recent DOE Form 1270.1 [for this agreement] attached to NRC letter dated May 6, 2004, you indicated that funds were only obligated for task 1 (cask reviews). Accordingly, the NRC is requesting that funds be allocated in the amount of \$10,000 for task 2 to permit us to perform these three route reviews. We will begin the detailed review of the three route applications once the funding has been provided.

Should you have any questions of a technical nature regarding the transportation route approvals, please contact Kelly Riner of my staff at (301) 415-6623 or via electronic mail at pkcr@nrc.gov.

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Should you have any questions of a contractual nature, please contact Penelope Kinney, Technical Assistance Project Manager on (301) 415-7805 or via email at pmk1@nrc.gov. Questions of technical nature regarding this interagency agreement should be address to the Project Manager, Daniel Huang, at (301) 415-3381 or via electronic mail at dth@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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SISP Review Completed by /RA/ by P. Brochman, 11/16/04
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