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Mr. Raynard Wharton
 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 11555 Rockville Pike
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 Rockville, MD 20852

Subject: Request for Extension of Due Date

Reference: RAI on AAR Topical Report (TAC No.L23782), Docket No. 72-57

Dear Mr. Wharton:

AAR requests that the response due date for the Request for Additional Information for the review of AAR's Topical Report (TAC No. L23782) be extended from January 6, 2006 to a revised due date of May 1, 2006. This request is based on the following reasons:

1. Availability of independent industry expert/consultant to help development of responses, oversight and performance of testing, test result analysis and calculations;
2. Availability and lead time of research reactors for neutron attenuation measurements;
3. Lead time and availability on equipment needed to perform experimental investigation of cask loading operations;
4. Time necessary for compiling report after above steps performed.

AAR understands that the review of the RAI will need to be rescheduled based upon availability of USNRC personnel. Please respond as to the acceptability of this request. Finally, please address all future related correspondence to:

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If you need to contract me regarding any aspect of this request or of the topical report, please contact me at (865)386-6403 or at mark.denton@aarcorp.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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