

June 6, 2006

Mr. Jayant Bondre
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Columbia, MD 21045

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT REVIEW OF THE TRANSNUCLEAR NUHOMS®
PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO THE STANDARDIZED NUHOMS®
SYSTEM (TAC NO. L23965)

Dear Mr. Bondre:

By letter dated April 18, 2006, Transnuclear, Inc., (TN) submitted an application for Amendment No. 9 to the NUHOMS® Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1004. This application proposes to amend the authorized contents of the Standardized NUHOMS® System to include the Framatome-ANP, Version 9x9-2 fuel assemblies in the NUHOMS-61BT dry shielded canister (DSC). The NUHOMS®-61BT was added to the NUHOMS® system as CoC No. 1004, Amendment No. 3 (Appendix K).

This letter acknowledges receipt of your application and informs you that the application appears to contain the necessary information to begin our technical review. The technical review may identify omissions in the submitted information, technical issues that require additional information, or policy/technical issues that require coordination with other Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) offices. In general, no additional changes to the application will be allowed except for those that result from responding to a request for additional information (RAI). Any additional changes, supplements, or enhancements may be treated as a new application.

We have established a schedule for the staff's review of your application, based on casework priority, NRC staff resources, and your stated need for the requested amendment. The schedule allows for the staff to issue an RAI by June 30, 2006 and to prepare its Safety Evaluation Report (SER) by September 29, 2006. To meet the above schedule, TN must respond promptly and comprehensively to any staff RAIs within 30 days of receipt. 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 TN may result in significant impacts to the overall review schedule, due to team members being diverted to other work. The staff may also reschedule the remainder of the review, if it determines that supplemental information is still needed following receipt of any RAI responses. Please notify me in writing, at least 2 weeks in advance of any milestone, if you are unable to meet the above schedule.

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Please reference Docket No. 72-1004 and TAC No. L23965 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1336.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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