

June 27, 1997

Mr. Dan Kane, Nuclear Licensing Team Leader
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO JUNE 18, 1997, LETTER TRANSMITTING CALCULATION AND DESIGN INFORMATION PACKAGES FOR THE CENTRALIZED INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY TOPICAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT (TAC NO. L22327)

Dear Mr. Kane:

By letter dated June 18, 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) transmitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission two copies of 47 calculation and design information packages for the centralized interim storage facility (CISF) topical safety analysis report (TSAR). This was in response to a request in NRC's June 10, 1997, letter accepting the CISF TSAR for review. Forty-two of these information packages have been entered into Docket No. 72-21, and they will be considered during the TSAR review.

Among the transmitted packages was a notebook titled "Centralized Interim Storage Facility System Descriptions (Draft)," containing descriptions of five facility configuration items. These information packages do not have signatures indicating review and approval, hence some modifications to the packages are possible before they become final documents. The NRC staff does not docket preliminary information that is subject to change. Therefore, the five packages will not be docketed at this time, and the two copies are being returned with this letter. To aid the review of the CISF TSAR, the staff would like to receive the final version of these five packages within 60 days from the date of this letter.

The NRC staff is pleased with DOE's timely submittal of the requested information packages, and we recognize a willingness on the part of DOE staff to respond quickly and completely to NRC requests on the CISF project. Any questions on this topic may be directed to me at 301-415-1085.

Sincerely,

Original signed by /s/

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Docket 72-21

Enclosure: Draft Centralized Interim Storage Facility System Descriptions (2 copies)

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