

June 14, 2006

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SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF APPLICATION - ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER FOR FORT  
CALHOUN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION  
EXEMPTION REQUEST (L23984)

Dear Mr. Ridenoure:

By letter dated June 9, 2006, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) submitted a request for exemption from Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1004 for the Fort Calhoun Station independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). The exemption request includes exemptions from Technical Specifications (TSs) 1.2.1, 1.2.11, and 1.2.17a associated with CoC No. 1004 for the Standardized NUHOMS® design. The exemption request also includes an exemption from 10 CFR 72.48(c)(2)(viii) to use a method of thermal analysis that is a departure from the methodology described in the Standardized NUHOMS® updated final safety analysis report.

This is to inform you that the application appears to contain the necessary information to begin our technical review. The schedule below establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the application through completion of our review. Please note that the schedule allows for the staff to issue a possible request for additional information (RAI) on June 27, 2006. Please also note that this is a very aggressive schedule and reflects the high-priority that the NRC is placing on processing this exemption request. This is consistent with the letter that Jack Strosnider, Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, sent to you on June 7, 2006 (see ADAMS No. ML061560394).

Action	Date
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Receives Application	06/12/2006
NRC Issues RAI	06/27/2006
OPPD Responds to RAI	07/03/2006
Environmental Assessment Published in Federal Register	07/20/2006
NRC Issues exemption request	07/21/2006

In general, no changes or supplements to this application should be submitted, except in response to an RAI.

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Please reference Docket No. 72-54 and TAC No. L23984 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1132.

Sincerely,

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