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**TRANSPORT, AGING AND DISPOSAL (TAD) CANISTER FOR SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL
MANAGEMENT**


Reference: Ltr, Kokajko to Williams, dtd 8/10/06 (Transport, Aging and Disposal Canister for Spent Nuclear Fuel Management)

The referenced letter provided comments from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff on regulatory criteria and other areas of consideration for the development of TAD canister designs and performance specifications. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recognizes that the NRC plans to evaluate the DOE's proposed TAD system under the applicable regulations for each function of the TAD.

The DOE is preparing the TAD performance specifications to issue this fall. We plan to have a Technical Exchange with your staff to discuss the content of the specifications after they are issued by the Department. The DOE anticipates the earliest opportunity for such an exchange would be December 2006 or January 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 586-9069 or e-mail mark_williams@ymp.gov, or April V. Gil at (702) 794-5578 or e-mail april_gil@ymp.gov. There are no new regulatory commitments in this letter.

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