

October 12, 2006

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SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF APPLICATION REQUESTING DEVIATION FROM  
INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION PAD INTERFACE  
COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION FOR THE COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION  
(TAC NO. L24030)

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

By letter dated September 14, 2006, Energy Northwest submitted a request for exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a), 72.212(b)(2)(I), 72.212(b)(7), and 10 CFR 72.214 pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7. Energy Northwest, as the holder of an operating nuclear power reactor 10 CFR Part 50 license, is permitted to store spent nuclear fuel under the general license provision of 10 CFR 72.210. As a general licensee, Energy Northwest is storing spent nuclear fuel in an approved Holtec International HI-STORM 100 Cask System, as codified in 10 CFR 72.214, and is therefore bound to the requirements of the Certificate of Compliance (CoC) issued for the HI-STORM 100 Cask System. Specifically, with respect to your submittal, you are requesting exemption from Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a of the Holtec International HI-STORM 100 Cask System CoC 1014 (Amendment 1), Site Specific Parameters and Analyses.

This letter acknowledges receipt of your exemption request and informs you that the submittal appears to contain the necessary information to begin our technical review. We have established a schedule for the technical review of your exemption request. The schedule allows for the staff to issue a possible request for additional information (RAI) in November 2006. To meet the schedule, it is incumbent upon Energy Northwest to respond promptly and comprehensively to any RAI. If no RAI is needed, and based on the staff's evaluation, granting of the exemption may be issued at approximately that time.

In general, no additional changes to the exemption request will be allowed except for those minor changes that result in responding to an RAI. Additional changes, supplements, or enhancements may be treated as a new request.

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Please notify me, in writing at your earliest opportunity, of any circumstance that may result in your inability to meet the aforementioned schedule. Reference Docket No. 72-35 and TAC No. L24030 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (301) 415-8500.

Sincerely,  
/RA/

Christopher M. Regan, Senior Project Manager  
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