

April 7, 2015

Mr. Richard Provencher, Manager  
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SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM LEAK TESTING  
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND AGING MANAGEMENT  
COMMITMENT AT FORT ST. VRAIN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE  
INSTALLATION - ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER (TAC NO. L25003)

Dear Mr. Provencher:

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We have established a schedule for the review which allows for staff to issue a request for additional information in April 2015, and to complete the exemption review in May 2015, based on receiving a response to our information request in April 2015. Please reference Docket No. 72-09 as well as TAC No. L25003 in future correspondence related to this exemption request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at (301) 415-6877.

Sincerely,

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