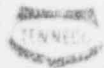


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Mr. James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Licensing of Dry Nuclear Fuel Transfer System

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Newport News Shipbuilding is gathering the information necessary to make a business decision regarding the design, license and fabrication of a dry nuclear fuel transfer system. It is our understanding that no such system has previously been licensed so no historical data relative to cost, schedule or licensing requirements exist.

We have defined our target markets and have completed a conceptual design. Before the project proceeds much further we need to include the licensing considerations as part of our planning. I would like to visit with the NRC to discuss our plans, the design and the target markets to get some indication of the requirements that will be invoked on the system, should we decide to proceed.

Please provide me with the name of the NRC representative who would be my point of contact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Douglas Stitzel".

J. Douglas Stitzel  
Program Manager  
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