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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Director, Division of Spent Fuel Management
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: NAC's Request for a Revision to Certificate of Compliance No. 9356 for the
NAC MAGNATRAN Transportation Package

Docket No. 71-9356

- References:
1. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Certificate of Compliance No. 9356, Revision 5 for the Model No. MAGNATRAN Package, April 9, 2024
 2. NAC International MAGNATRAN Package, Safety Analysis Report (SAR), Revision 1, March 2022
 3. ED20230029, 10 CFR 72.242 Reportable Licensing Basis Non-Mechanistic Tip-over Evaluation Deficiency for the NAC-UMS and MAGNASTOR® Dry Cask Storage Systems, March 10, 2023

NAC International (NAC) hereby submits a request to amend Reference 1. The changes contained herein in part correct a licensing basis deficiency initially reported to the NRC on March 10, 2023 (Reference 3). The report identified that a parameter used in the computation of bending stress in the finite element model used to structurally evaluate a fuel rod under the non-mechanistic tip-over accident condition was incorrectly specified resulting in the non-conservative calculation of stresses. MAGNATRAN SAR Sections 2.11.4, 2.11.6, and 2.12.1 have been revised to correct this error and provide additional clarification to the fuel rod evaluations.

Consistent with NAC administrative practice, this proposed SAR revision is numbered to uniquely identify the applicable changed pages. Revision bars mark the SAR text changes on the Revision MAGNATRAN -24A pages (Enclosure 3) to the Reference 2 SAR pages. Enclosure 2 contains a summary of the changes to the SAR for Revision 24A. Enclosure 1 contains proprietary NAC calculations used to support the requested change.

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Per Attachment 1 to this letter, NAC requests information in Enclosures 1 and 3 to be withheld from public disclosure per 10 CFR 2.390. In accordance with NAC's administrative practices, upon final acceptance of this application, 24A changed pages will be reformatted and incorporated into the next revision of the MAGNATRAN SAR.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me on my direct line at 678-328-1252.

Sincerely,

Heath M. Baldner Digitally signed by Heath M.
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Heath Baldner
Director, Licensing
Engineering

Attachment
Attachment 1 – NAC International Affidavit Pursuant 10 CFR 2.390

Enclosures:
Enclosure 1 – Supporting Calculations for MAGNATRAN SAR, Revision 24A
Enclosure 2 – List of Changes for MAGNATRAN SAR Revision 24A, Initial Submittal
Enclosure 3 – LOEP and FSAR Changed Pages for MAGNATRAN SAR Revision 24A,
Initial Submittal

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AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 2.390

George Carver (Affiant), Vice President, Engineering and Support Services, of NAC International Inc., hereinafter referred to as NAC, at 2 Sun Court, Suite 220, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. Affiant has reviewed the information described in Item 2 and is personally familiar with the trade secrets and privileged information contained therein, and is authorized to request its withholding.
2. The information to be withheld includes the following NAC Proprietary Information that is being provided in this submittal.

Enclosure 1 – Supporting Calculations for MAGNATRAN SAR Revision 24A,
Initial Submittal

Enclosure 3 – LOEP and FSAR Changed Pages for MAGNATRAN SAR Revision 24A
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NAC is the owner of the information contained in the aforementioned pages/document, so they are considered NAC Proprietary Information.

3. NAC makes this application for withholding of proprietary information based upon the exemption from disclosure set forth in: the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”); 5 USC Sec. 552(b)(4) and the Trade Secrets Act; 18 USC Sec. 1905; and NRC Regulations 10 CFR Part 9.17(a)(4), 2.390(a)(4), and 2.390(b)(1) for “trade secrets and commercial financial information obtained from a person, and privileged or confidential” (Exemption 4). The information for which exemption from disclosure is herein sought is all “confidential commercial information,” and some portions may also qualify under the narrower definition of “trade secret,” within the meanings assigned to those terms for purposes of FOIA Exemption 4.
4. Examples of categories of information that fit into the definition of proprietary information are:
 - a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by competitors of NAC, without license from NAC, constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
 - b. Information that, if used by a competitor, would reduce their expenditure of resources or improve their competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality or licensing of a similar product.
 - c. Information that reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels or commercial strategies of NAC, its customers, or its suppliers.
 - d. Information that reveals aspects of past, present or future NAC customer-funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to NAC.
 - e. Information that discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

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The information that is sought to be withheld is considered to be proprietary for the reasons set forth in Items 4.a, 4.b, and 4.d.

5. The information to be withheld is being transmitted to the NRC in confidence.
6. The information sought to be withheld, including that compiled from many sources, is of a sort customarily held in confidence by NAC, and is, in fact, so held. This information has, to the best of my knowledge and belief, consistently been held in confidence by NAC. No public disclosure has been made, and it is not available in public sources. All disclosures to third parties, including any required transmittals to the NRC, have been made, or must be made, pursuant to regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements, which provide for maintenance of the information in confidence. Its initial designation as proprietary information and the subsequent steps taken to prevent its unauthorized disclosure are as set forth in Items 7 and 8 following.
7. Initial approval of proprietary treatment of a document/information is made by the Vice President, Engineering, the Project Manager, the Licensing Engineer, or the Director, Licensing – the persons most likely to know the value and sensitivity of the information in relation to industry knowledge. Access to proprietary documents within NAC is limited via “controlled distribution” to individuals on a “need to know” basis. The procedure for external release of NAC proprietary documents typically requires the approval of the Project Manager based on a review of the documents for technical content, competitive effect and accuracy of the proprietary designation. Disclosures of proprietary documents outside of NAC are limited to regulatory agencies, customers and potential customers and their agents, suppliers, licensees and contractors with a legitimate need for the information, and then only in accordance with appropriate regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements.
8. NAC has invested a significant amount of time and money in the research, development, engineering and analytical costs to develop the information that is sought to be withheld as proprietary. This information is considered to be proprietary because it contains detailed descriptions of analytical approaches, methodologies, technical data and/or evaluation results not available elsewhere. The precise value of the expertise required to develop the proprietary information is difficult to quantify, but it is clearly substantial.

Public disclosure of the information to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of NAC, as the owner of the information, and reduce or eliminate the availability of profit-making opportunities. The proprietary information is part of NAC’s comprehensive spent fuel storage and transport technology base, and its commercial value extends beyond the original development cost to include the development of the expertise to determine and apply the appropriate evaluation process. The value of this proprietary information and the competitive advantage that it provides to NAC would be lost if the information were disclosed to the public. Making such information available to other parties, including competitors, without their having to make similar investments of time, labor and money would provide competitors with an unfair advantage and deprive NAC of the opportunity to seek an adequate return on its large investment.

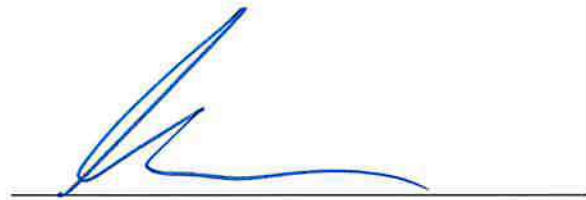
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STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF GWINNETT

Mr. George Carver, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he has read the foregoing affidavit and the matters stated herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Executed at Peachtree Corners, Georgia, this 19th day of December, 2024.



George Carver
Vice President, Engineering and Support Services
NAC International Inc.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19th day of December, 2024.



Notary Public

