

October 27, 1999

Mr. Richard A. Ayres
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Fremont, CA 94538

SUBJECT: TRANSNUCLEAR WEST, INC., 10 CFR PART 72 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (TAC No. L22711)

Dear Mr. Ayres:

This responds to two Transnuclear West, Inc. (TN West), July 31, 1998, letters, as supplemented on December 17, 1998, requesting approval of TN West's revised Quality Assurance (QA) Program for compliance with 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart G, and 10 CFR Part 71, Subpart H. By letter dated July 6, 1999, we informed you that TN West's revised QA Program complied with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, Subpart H. We have completed our review of the TN West revised QA Program and find that it also complies with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart G. Enclosed is the Safety Evaluation Report for your information.

Rulemaking is not necessary for this action because approval of the revised QA Program does not change the language in TN West's Certificate of Compliance (CoC), or the Technical Specifications. This change in the Safety Analysis Report can be made under the provisions of Condition 9 of the CoC.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Baggett, the Project Manager on 301-415-8584.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY /s/

E. William Brach, Director
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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