



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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December 20, 1999

Mr. Robert M. Grenier
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Transnuclear West Inc.
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DETERMINATION, TRANSNUCLEAR
WEST INC., APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NO. 1004 (TAC NO. L22954)

Dear Mr. Grenier:

By letter dated November 29, 1999, Transnuclear West Inc. (TN West) submitted the responses to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's staff's request for additional information and Revision 1 of its application for Amendment No. 3 of NUHOMS® Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1004, Docket No. 72-1004. Attachments D and E to the November 29, 1999, letter contain supporting calculations and a verification and validation document, which TN West has determined are proprietary in nature. Specifically, these attachments consist of an analysis of the dry spent fuel storage system. Attached to your request was an affidavit executed by you and dated November 29, 1999, requesting that the calculations identified in Attachment D as NUH004.0427, Rev. 3, NUH004.0521, Rev. 0, and NUH004.0606, Rev. 1, and in Attachment E as SCALE4.4PCK-QA, Rev. 1, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

Your affidavit states that the documents should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (1) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure consists of design calculations of a storage system which is owned and has been held in confidence by TN West.
- (2) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by TN West and not customarily disclosed to the public.
- (3) The information is being transmitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in confidence under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790 with the understanding that it is to be received in confidence.
- (4) The information, to the best of your knowledge, is not available in public sources, and any disclosure to third parties has been made pursuant to regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements which provide for maintenance of the information in confidence.
- (5) Public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to TN West's competitive position because it would simplify design and evaluation tasks without requiring a commensurate investment of time and effort.

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On the basis of your submittal, our review of your submittal and affidavit, and in light of the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, we have determined that the above listed calculations and document included in Attachments D and E to the November 29, 1999, letter and designated as containing proprietary material should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. It is the policy of NRC to achieve an effective balance between legitimate concerns for protection of competitive positions and the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the basis for and effects of licensing and rulemaking actions.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future, such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify NRC. Please be advised that NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your withheld information. In all review situations, if NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY /s/

E. William Brach, Director
Spent Fuel Project Office
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and Safeguards

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