

November 8, 2000

Mr. Robert M. Grenier
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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE ADVANCED NUHOMS®
SYSTEM (TAC NO. L23203)

Dear Mr. Grenier:

This responds to Transnuclear West Inc's (TN-West) September 29, 2000, application as amended on October 13, November 1, and November 3, 2000, for a Certificate of Compliance (CoC), in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72, for the Advanced NUMHOMS® Horizontal Modular Storage System for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) schedule to perform the subject review.

The schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the subject application through calendar year 2001. With your assistance, the staff's goal is to complete, by August 13, 2001, the preliminary Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and CoC. The 11-month rulemaking process will then follow the issuance of the preliminary SER and CoC.

This letter is also to inform you that the staff has completed its initial acceptance review of the application. The staff found that the application contains sufficient information for the staff to initiate its review. Please note that this review only determined that the information was submitted in accordance with the guidelines established in NUREG-1536, "Standard Review Plan for Dry Cask Storage Systems." The acceptance review was not intended to determine the technical adequacy of the application.

In addition, this letter acknowledges TN-West's request by letter dated November 3, 2000, to withdraw proprietary calculations submitted on October 13, 2000. The calculations were submitted to support the Advanced NUHOMS System Application. It is the staff's understanding that TN-West is withdrawing the calculations to refrain from submitting non-proprietary versions of the calculations in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790. The staff may find it necessary to request one or more of the calculations in a request for additional information (RAI) at which time the calculations would need to be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790. Enclosed are all of the calculations submitted by TN-West on October 13, 2000, they have not been and will not be docketed.

The following schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed or as correction to the milestones are needed to reflect NRC's casework prioritization.

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5. TN-West responds to 1 st RAI	5/18/01 Target
6. NRC Issue Preliminary SER and CoC	8/13/01 Target

To meet the above schedule TN-West must respond promptly and comprehensively to staff RAIs. Staff initiatives to enhance the efficiency of the review process include the designation of specific teams to perform assigned technical reviews. Since designated review team activities rely on high quality applications and timely responses, any delays by TN-West may result in significant impacts to the overall review schedule due to the team being diverted to other work. The schedule is based on the staff issuing only one RAI. Should the staff determine that a second RAI is necessary to complete a review, it will result in rescheduling the remainder of the review. Please notify me in writing, at least 2 weeks in advance of any milestone, of any instance which may result in your inability to meet the above schedule.

Please reference Docket No. 72-1029 and TAC No. L23023 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8538.

Sincerely,
/S/ /RA/
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