

December 16, 2003

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2003, WITH
GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL (GNF) REGARDING GESTAR AMENDMENT
27 AND GEXL 80 (TAC NO. MC0347)

On December 2, 2003, Jens Andersen, a representative from GNF met with the NRC staff to discuss an amendment request dated August 6, 2003, regarding Amendment 27 to GESTAR II. Mr. Andersen noted that as a result of our acceptance letter dated October 1, 2003, GNF requested this meeting to discuss the impacts of the staff's proposed review schedule. He wanted to describe the changes in Amendment 27 to GESTAR, as he believes most of these changes are editorial and would not require substantial staff review if we can agree that the changes are administrative. Brunswick would like to take advantage of these administrative changes for its upcoming spring outage and needs approval by March 15, 2004.

Mr. Andersen provided a table with a description of each change and whether he felt it needed technical review or was administrative or editorial. He noted many of the changes were updates or revisions to NRC-approved codes. He felt these changes are clearly administrative as the NRC has approved the changes. After his presentation the staff agreed that we could issue a partial acceptance letter for the administrative changes with a followup approval for the remaining changes. The staff noted that it still needs to review the GNF table to determine which changes we agree are administrative or editorial. The staff stated that we would inform GNF of which changes can be approved by March 15, 2004, by the end of January. GNF has proposed that the semi-annual technology meeting be held during the last week of January. At that time, GNF has also proposed to provide an overview of the GESTAR process. The staff will let GNF know if that time frame is acceptable and we will have decision on the administrative and editorial changes for that meeting.

Mr. Andersen also discussed the GEXL80 review. He noted they have a similar problem with GEXL80 as GESTAR as Hope Creek needs this review approved before it can load GE fuel for the outage scheduled for this fall. GNF feels it would need this approval by March 31, 2004, to support the Hope Creek outage. The staff has been discussing this with GNF and believes it can support this schedule. The staff asked that if GESTAR and GEXL80 are approved would Hope Creek need to revise its technical specifications (TS)? Mr. Notigan (PSEG) stated the Hope Creek TS does not refer to any particular revision of GESTAR, only to the latest approved version, so no TS change would be needed.

S. Dembek

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The staff thanked GNF for its presentation. This meeting was informational. No regulatory decisions were made. The meeting handout is located in ADAMS under Accession No. ML033370183. The attendance list is attached.

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