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Response to NRC Bulletin 2003-04: Rebaselining of Data in the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System

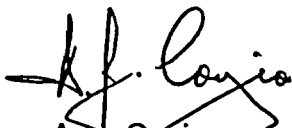
- Reference 1: NRC Letter to NMC, "NRC Bulletin 2003-04: Rebaselining of Data in the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System," dated October 8, 2003
- Reference 2: Mr. Mark Nickels, NMC - Point Beach Nuclear Plant, to NAC International, "Diskette Transmittal – Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 Material Balance Reports," submitted September 8, 2003 (electronic submittal via mailed diskette)
- Reference 3: NMC e-mail from Mr. Brian Huxtable to Mr. Ron Bonifay, NAC International, "Inventory Inquiry to Support NRC Bulletin 2003-04 for NMC Fleet," dated November 4, 2003
- Reference 4: NMMSS News Special Edition "NRC BULLETIN 2003-04: Rebaselining of Data in the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System," dated October 2003
- Reference 5: Telecons between Mr. Gary Hirsch, NAC International, Mr. Brian Huxtable, NMC, and Mr. Mark Nickels, NMC, Regarding Error Reported in Material Balance Reports submitted September 8, 2003

On October 8, 2003, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Bulletin 2003-04 (Reference 1) to inform licensees of performance concerns associated with the reporting of data to and the resulting materials balances contained in the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS) database. Bulletin 2003-04 requested licensees perform a one-time reporting, within 90 days of the date of the bulletin, of inventory holdings of special nuclear material (SNM) and/or foreign obligated source material in their possession as well as other Government-owned materials as specified in the bulletin. The bulletin requested licensees submit the results of this one-time reporting of the balances of the requested material types directly to NMMSS and to coordinate with NMMSS staff resolution of any discrepancies. Subsequently, additional guidance was provided in the NMMSS News Special Edition dated October 2003 (Reference 4) and via an e-mail from Donna Hinton of Nuclear Assurance Corporation (NAC) International to bulletin recipients, dated December 9, 2003.

Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) reported the last annual inventory for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), Units 1 and 2, reporting identification symbols RIS-YNP and RIS-XEN, on September 8, 2003, (Reference 2) as required by 10 CFR 74.13(a) and 10 CFR 72.76(a). Subsequently, NMMSS identified a rounding error in line 13 of the RIS-YNP 741 form. With the concurrence of B. Huxtable of NMC and M. Nickels of PBNP, NMMSS revised the error in the PBNP annual inventory on September 18, 2003 (Reference 5).

NMC contacted NMMSS on November 4, 2003, (Reference 3) to validate the reported quantities of SNM, foreign obligated source material, and other types of Government-owned materials as specified in Bulletin 2003-04 in accordance with the additional guidance of NMMSS News Special Edition (Reference 4). This letter is consistent with the guidance of the NMMSS News Special Edition as augmented by the e-mail from Donna Hinton of NAC International to bulletin recipients, dated December 9, 2003. Additionally, as requested, NMC is stating that PBNP has no holdings of Government-owned curium, neptunium, tritium, deuterium, americium, enriched lithium, californium or berkelium. Therefore, NMC has satisfied the intent of the Bulletin 2003-04 for the PBNP, Units 1 and 2, and additional one-time reporting of inventory holdings is not required.

This letter makes no new commitments. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Jill Glaser, Planning Specialist-Reactor Engineering (PBNP SNM Custodian), at 920-755-6114 or Ms. Lisa Schofield, Licensing Engineer, at 920-755-6043.



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