

October 3, 2005

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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY EVALUATION
REPORT FOR THE NUHOMS® HD SYSTEM (TAC NO. L23738)

Dear Ms. Neider:

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As a result of our review of your application and its supplements, the staff has prepared a draft Certificate of Compliance (CoC) and preliminary Safety Evaluation Report (SER) pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 72. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed CoC and preliminary SER for TN's review and identification of inaccuracies and omissions. Appendix A to the CoC (Technical Specifications) is available at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/ADAMS.html> by using the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession number ML052760085.

TN is requested to respond with any comments by close of business on October 11, 2005. Please continue to reference Docket No. 72-1030 and TAC No. L23738 in future correspondence related to this request. If you have any comments or questions concerning this request, please contact me at 301-415-1132.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE 1

PROPOSED CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

ENCLOSURE 2

PRELIMINARY SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT