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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JUNE 6, 2012, MEETING WITH TRANSPORT
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Background

Transport Logistics International (TLI) and Nuclear Cargo + Service (NCS) will be requesting in February 2013 NRC approval of the Model No. DN-30 package, to be used for UF₆ shipments. TLI requested this pre-application meeting to discuss the format of the package application and brief staff on the delays of the project.

Discussion

TLI is a U.S. registered company, majority owned by NCS (Germany), while NCS is itself completely owned by Daher (France). TLI will act as an "agent" for NCS who will be the applicant and Certificate of Compliance (CoC) holder, while Daher will manufacture the Model No. DN-30 packages. The application, which will be submitted to the French Regulatory Authority (ASN) and to NRC at approximately the same time in February 2013, will be using the European Package Design Safety Report (PDSR) format. The PDSR will address and identify, through cross-reference tables, NRC requirements as found in Regulatory Guide No. 7.9. The PDSR will also include cross reference tables for European and U.S. standards, e.g., ISO 7195 is equivalent to ANSI N14.1. All calculations will be done in SI units.

Staff said that it is open to reviewing an application using the PDSR format with a cross-reference to the Standard Review Plan in NUREG-1609. However, staff cautioned TLI on the fact that a PDSR includes only fabrication drawings by reference: the CoC will thus have to be revised if, for any reason, there are any modification or change in the fabrication drawings.

The design of the Model No. DN-30 package started in 2008 and prototype testing began in 2011: 6 full drop test sequences have already been performed, and test results are being reviewed by ASN. Closure flange, valve protection, proper simulation of UF₆, and helium leaktightness conditions were some of the issues that had to be resolved. An additional drop test and a thermal test on prototype No. 6 are to be conducted in August 2012.

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