

October 27, 1999

Mr. Robert M. Grenier
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING APPROVAL TO
ADD BURNABLE POISON ROD ASSEMBLIES TO THE AUTHORIZED
CONTENTS OF NUHOMS®-24P (TAC NO. L22954)

Dear Mr. Grenier:

By letter dated July 26, 1999, Transnuclear West Inc. (TN West) submitted an application for Amendment No. 3 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1004. TN West requests approval to add burnable poison rod assemblies (BPRAs) for the Babcock & Wilcox 15 x 15 and Westinghouse 17 x 17 fuel assembly types to the authorized contents of the NUHOMS®-24P long cavity dry storage cask (DSC). The staff has determined that additional information is required to determine compliance with 10 CFR Part 72. Enclosed is the staff's request for additional information (RAI) for the continued review of your request.

To the extent practicable, we request that TN West respond to this RAI by providing a response to each item in the RAI. We would be willing to meet with you to discuss and clarify the enclosed RAI. Your response to the enclosed RAI is expected by December 29, 1999. If you are unable to meet the December 29 milestone, you must notify us in writing, at least 2 weeks prior to December 29, of your new response date and the reasons for the delay. The staff will then assess the impact of the new response date and issue a revised schedule. Please reference Docket No. 72-1004 and TAC No. L22954 in future correspondence related to this request.

If you have questions concerning this request, please contact me at 301-415-8584.

Sincerely,

Steven Baggett, Senior Project Manager
Licensing Section
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 72-1004

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