

MEMORANDUM TO: Larry W. Camper, Chief
Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
Projects Branch
Division of Waste Management, NMSS

FROM: Eric J. Leeds, Acting Chief
Licensing and International
Safeguards Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
and Safeguards, NMSS

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST -- REVIEW OF FANSTEEL'S
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN REVISION FOR RESTRICTED
USE (CONTAINMENT CELL)

The FCSS Licensing and International Safeguards Branch (LIB) requests technical assistance in reviewing the following project:

Project: To determine the adequacy of Fansteel's decommissioning funding plan revision for construction of a disposal cell (containment cell) and future release for restricted use. The relevant regulation is 10 CFR 20.1403(c). This submittal is a response to NRC interoffice memorandum dated June 22, 1999, and letter addressed to Fansteel dated August 18, 1999, regarding updates to Fansteel's decommissioning cost estimate.

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Requested Action: To review Fansteel's response to the decommissioning funding plan revision dated January 27, 2000. Send a written response to Fansteel asking for either additional information or an acceptance letter confirming that Fansteel's has provided sufficient information containing acceptable financial assurance mechanisms, as described in 10 CFR 20.1403(c), for approval release under restricted use. Any deficiencies found should be itemized.

Response Format: Written response to Fansteel

Requested Due Date: March 30, 2000

Please provide the information requested below and return a completed copy to the Licensing Assistant or Project Manager.

Name of DWM Reviewer: _____

DWM's Projected Completion Date: _____

LLDP Branch Chief Signature: _____

Contacts: Project Manager: Heather Astwood (301) 415-5819
 Licensing Assistant: Pamela Shea (301) 415-8029
 Regional Contact: Louis Carson (817) 860-8221

The above TAC No. should be referenced in future correspondence related to this request and on the RITS Report for recording staff time expended on this effort.

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Attachments: 1. Fansteel's Decommissioning Funding Plan Revision and Response to Comments
2. NRC's Interoffice memorandum dated June 22, 1999

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