

February 22, 2000

Ms. Fawn Shillinglaw
1952 Palisades Drive
Appleton, WI 54915

SUBJECT: RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SHIPPING CONTAINER CONCERNS

Dear Ms. Shillinglaw:

I am responding to your January 17, 2000, letter to Chairman Meserve in which you inquired about the Model 4H Enriched Fuel Bundle Shipping Package. Thank you for your comments. The staff has reviewed your letter and determined that your concerns are best addressed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT is the government agency responsible for certification of radioactive material transport package designs for import and export shipments. Since the Model 4H package was not used for domestic transport it was certified by DOT without U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission review.

Your letter is being forwarded to Mr. Richard Boyle at the Radioactive Materials Branch of DOT, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Boyle may be reached by telephone at (202) 366-4545.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY /s/

Susan F. Shankman, Deputy Director
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc: Mr. Richard W. Boyle
U.S. Department of Transportation

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Mr. Richard W. Boyle
Radioactive Materials Branch
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: MODEL 4H SHIPPING PACKAGE CONCERNS

Dear Mr. Boyle:

We received the attached letter from a member of the public requesting information on the Model 4H Enriched Fuel Bundle Shipping Package. We responded by informing the individual that we had forwarded the letter to your office for response. Since the package is regulated by the Department of Transportation and was not reviewed by NRC, we believe that your agency is better able to address the questions concerning this design.

Please contact Mr. Stephen O'Connor of my staff at 301-415-8561 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Susan F. Shankman, Deputy Director
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Enclosure: Letter from F. Shillinglaw

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