From:	Frank Jacobs
То:	Dave DaGrava
Date:	3/24/03 11:54AM
Subject:	Re: QA Program approval for 10 CRF 71

Mr. DaGrava,

You indicated in your e-mail to me on March 18, 2003, that Olympic Tool & Engineering, Inc., wishes to submit its quality assurance (QA) program to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review and approval in order to obtain a Part 71 license to fabricate containers for transportation of radioactive material.

Based on my understanding that your sole intention is to fabricate containers for Global Nuclear Fuels, an NRC certificate holder, let me inform you that the NRC is not currently reviewing fabricator QA programs.

Please note that Part 71 has no requirement or provision for a license to fabricate containers. Also, Part 71 has no requirement or provision for NRC approval of fabricator QA programs. The only QA program approvals required by Part 71 are for licensees and applicants for Certificates of Compliance (CoC). Fabrication activities for NRC-certified packagings must be performed in accordance with a CoC holder's QA program.

There may be some confusion because a small number of Part 71 QA program approvals were previously issued to fabricator entities. This practice has been discontinued for some time. We are considering an appropriate notification to the industry to clarify this matter.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-415-3961.

Frank Jacobs

>>> "Dave DaGrava" <ddagrava@olympictool.com> 03/18/03 12:39PM >>> Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Olympic Tool & Engineering, Inc. (OTE) from Shelton, WA would like to submit our QA Program for your review and approval. OTE would like to obtain a Part 71 License to fabricate New Powder containers for Global Nuclear Fuels from Wilmington, N.C.

We would appreciate your help in quickly obtaining this license. If you have any questions or comments, please contact myself or Mr. Mike Laffey at 360-426-7878.

Thanks for your help,

Dave DaGrava QA Engineer/ASME NQA-1 Lead Auditor Olympic Tool & Engineering, Inc.

CC: Mike Laffey; Ralph E. Pine

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