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Mr. Robert J. Lewis  
Transportation and Storage Inspection Section  
Spent Fuel Program Office, NMSS  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Re: Quality Assurance Program 71-0496

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This correspondence serves as a request for a page change as part of the Duratek, Inc. Quality Assurance Program, Revision 8 which has been submitted for your review and approval. With this request Duratek has attached page 9 of Revision 8 to Quality Assurance Program 71-0496.

Page 9 of Revision 8 reflects the addition of "Strategic Growth" in section 1.2.4 which now reads:

"The senior management of Duratek Business Groups, specifically the Group Leaders for Strategic Growth, Commercial Disposal, Federal Services, and Commercial Services, have overall responsibility for the development and implementation of quality requirements and controls for their projects and activities."

We respectfully request that you review this change with the revision.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Norman R. Barker or myself at 410-312-5100.

Sincerely,

Willis Bixby  
Vice President and Group Leader ESHQA  
Duratek, Inc.

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**Quality Assurance Program**

- Assure that further processing, delivery, installation, or use is controlled until proper corrective actions have occurred. The Director, QA has authority to stop work when deemed appropriate; and
- Maintain independence from cost and scheduling considerations.

The Director, QA ensures that persons or organizations not directly responsible for performing the work verify quality achievement. The Director, QA is responsible for assessing the individual Business Groups on the adequacy of implementation of the QAP through periodic assessments and by participating in Business Group level audit and assessment activities. The Director ensures that activities affecting quality are performed at the Business Group level in accordance with written procedures and instructions that provide sufficient detail to meet customer and regulatory requirements.

The position description for the Director, QA includes prerequisite experience and/or required training. Qualifications for the Director, QA include:

- A Bachelor's degree in a technical field or equivalent experience;
- At least ten years experience in quality assurance, engineering, or manufacturing;
- A working knowledge of applicable quality-related codes, standards, and regulatory requirements; and
- The ability to prescribe, apply, and assess compliance with the applicable requirements.

**1.2.4 Duratek Group Leaders**

The senior management of Duratek Business Groups, specifically the Group Leaders for Strategic Growth, Commercial Disposal, Federal Services, and Commercial Services, have overall responsibility for the development and implementation of quality requirements and controls for their projects and activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, order entry, organizational structure, personnel responsibilities, and the identification of project criteria and necessary levels of rigor.

The implementation of quality requirements begins with order entry and is performed by receiving, reviewing, and processing customer orders by the responsible project team. The order entry process is limited to orders or procurements that specify items important-to-safety. This project team will be comprised of, at a minimum,