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ATTN: Document Control Desk
Director, Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Notice of At-Risk Fabrication of TRUPACT-III Package, Docket No. 71-9305

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 10 CFR §71.93(c), Packaging Technology, Inc. (PacTec) will be initiating the fabrication of a TRUPACT-III package within the next 45 days. Since this activity precedes submittal of the package application to the NRC for approval, PacTec fully understands that the fabrication is being undertaken on an At-Risk basis, and that the package will not be utilized for transporting any radioactive material until a Certificate of Compliance (CoC) has been issued by the NRC. In addition, PacTec understands that any changes to the current package design that are required as a result of the NRC approval process and the issuance of the CoC must be incorporated prior to affixing the package identification number and utilizing this package. The package will be fabricated at Engineered Products Department's (EPD's) facility in Carlsbad, New Mexico in accordance with the NRC-approved, Transnuclear Quality Assurance Program.

This advance fabrication of a TRUPACT-III package is to support the U.S. Department of Energy's desire to transport CH-TRU waste as soon as a CoC is obtained for the TRUPACT-III package.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (253) 383-9000 Ext. 12, or via E-mail (gclark@pactec-tn.com).

Very Truly Yours,

Packaging Technology, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Clark".

Gary L. Clark, P.E.
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cc: Meraj Rahimi - NRC-NMSS

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