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Docket No. 71-6078

Mr. Cass R. Chappell, Section Leader
Cask Certification Section
Storage and Transportation Systems Branch
Division of Industrial Safety and Medical Nuclear Safety
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn.: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject:

Model 927 A1/C1 New Fuel Assembly Shipping Container, Request for Renewal of Certificate of Compliance No. 6078

Dear Mr. Chappell:

The current expiration date of the subject certificate is October 31, 1995. The purpose of this letter is to request that the certificate be renewed prior to the expiration date.

Combustion Engineering uses the Model 927 container quite frequently for shipping fuel to our customers. The continuity of the certificate validity is therefore very important to our business. While Combustion Engineering's existing application for the Model 927 container is sufficient for our near term needs, we intend to submit a completely revised application within approximately one month in order to meet our longer term needs.

The most significant change envisioned in our revised application would be analyses supporting shipment of many more containers than the current number allowed solely as Fissile Class III (i.e., a maximum of 8 containers). We may even demonstrate the acceptability of Fissile Class I shipments. Our reason for such change is that, while 8 containers is sufficient for our current domestic shipments by truck, we will likely need to ship many more containers per conveyance for international shipments by ocean vessel or air in the future. We will also request that the certificate be changed from a Type B () to a Type AF, as the existing application supports (the NRC unilaterally made the type change in Revision 10, for reasons unknown to us).

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Realizing that the Cask Certification Section may require several months to review the revised application we intend to submit, we request that the certificate be renewed based upon our existing application so as not to jeopardize our ability to ship fuel domestically after October 31, 1995. Enclosure (1) herein provides a List of Effective Pages identifying the latest applicable submittal revision and date of each page of the current compiled application for your information. If desired, we can submit compiled copies for your use.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (203) 285-5261.

Very truly yours,

COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC.

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Mark A. Michelsen Nuclear Licensing

Enclosures: As Stated

cc: ' J. Jacobson (NRC - Region III)

S. Soong (NRC)

COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC. NRC Certificate of Compliance No. 6078 CERTIFICATE RENEWAL APPLICATION LIST OF EFFECTIVE PAGES

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Combustion Engineering, Inc., provides for information the following comprehensive List of Effective Pages, summarizing the latest applicable submittal revision and date for each page of the application.

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