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SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF  
COMPLIANCE NO. 9315 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER

Dear Mr. Shuler:

By letter dated June 6, 2006, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submitted an application requesting an amendment to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 9315 for the Model No. ES-3100 package. Supporting documentation was submitted via letter dated May 8, 2006.

The Model No. ES-3100 will replace Department of Transportation 6M specification containers, which will not be authorized for use after October 1, 2008, per regulations in 10 CFR 71.20(e) and 49 CFR 173.417(c). In addition, after January 1, 2007, the 6M specification containers can no longer be used in DOE secure transporters.

This letter acknowledges receipt of your application and informs you that the application appears to contain the necessary information to begin our technical review. We have established a schedule for the technical review of your amendment request. The schedule allows for the staff to issue a possible request for additional information (RAI) in September 2006. To meet the schedule, it is incumbent upon DOE to respond promptly and comprehensively to any RAI. If no RAI is needed, and based on the staff's evaluation, the amended Certificate of Compliance may be issued at approximately that time.

Please reference Docket No. 71-9315 and TAC No. L23973 in any future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (301) 415-8500.

Sincerely,

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