

October 3, 2006

Mr. Patrick L. Paquin  
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Duratek, Inc.  
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**SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIAL PACKAGE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LA CROSSE BOILING WATER REACTOR (LACBWR) PRESSURE VESSEL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE (TAC. NO. L24019)**

Dear Mr. Paquin:

By letter dated September 14, 2006, Duratek Inc. (Duratek) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requesting an amendment to the special package authorization for the LACBWR Pressure Vessel Transportation Package.

This is to inform you that the application appears to contain the necessary information to begin our technical review. The schedule below establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the review of the amendment to the special package authorization. Please note that the schedule allows for the staff to issue a possible request for additional information (RAI) in December 2006. If no RAI is needed, and based on the staff's evaluation, our Safety Evaluation Report and amended special package authorization may be issued at approximately that time.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
NRC Receives Application	September, 2006
NRC Issues RAI	December, 2006
Duratek Responds to RAI	January, 2007
NRC Issues letter of Amendment to Special Package Authorization	February, 2007

In general, no additional changes to the application will be allowed except for those minor changes or minor supplements that result in responding to an RAI. Additional changes, supplements, or enhancements may be treated as a new application.

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Please notify me, in writing at your earliest opportunity, of any circumstance that may result in your inability to respond to a possible RAI in the proposed time frame. Please reference Docket No. 71-9322 and TAC No. L24019 in future correspondence related to this review. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-6699 or via email at [jsc1@nrc.gov](mailto:jsc1@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 71-9322

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