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Dear Mr. Chappell:

Our September 4, 1998, letter to you requested revision of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance No. 5957 for the BMI-1 cask to authorize shipment of low-enriched uranium, MTR-type fuel assemblies containing up to 282.7 grams of U-235 per assembly. Enclosed are six copies of a revision to our previously submitted request reflecting minor design changes to the fuel axial spacer and basket inserts. The revision also corrects a typographical error in a drawing number on page 24.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-903-5078.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Wangler

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Enclosure:

Revised amendment for LEU MTR-Type Fuel (six copies)

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Subject: Revised Request for Authorization to Ship LEU, MTR-Type Fuel Assemblies in the BMI-1 Cask

(OPE-TP-99-001)

To: Mr. Michael E. Wangler, EM-76

Packaging Certification and Safety Program

Reference: (a) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SHIP LEU, MTR-TYPE FUEL ASSEMBLIES IN

THE BMI-1 CASK (OPE-OS-98-123)

Dear Mr. Wangler:

Reference (a) requested authorization to ship LEU, MTR-type fuel assemblies, with up to 282.7 grams of U-235 per assembly, from the University of Virginia reactor facility to the Savannah River Site. This submittal is currently being reviewed for approval by the NRC. Attached is a revision to the previously submitted request reflecting minor design changes to the fuel axial spacer and basket inserts required to ship the University of Virginia LEU fuel.

The material for fabricating the axial spacer ring (Drawing 507583, Rev. 1) was changed from 3/8-inch bar stock to a short length of 12-inch diameter tubing with a 1/2-inch wall thickness. This change was made to facilitate fabrication resulting in a stronger component because of the increase in wall thickness. The material designation for the eight flanges (item -4 on dwg.) was changed from plate material to bar stock. This change was also made to facilitate fabrication with no affect on the component strength. The Quality Level was reduced from 1 to 2. This reduction in quality requirements for the axial spacer is consistent with its importance to safety.

The changes for the basket inserts (Drawing 507584, Rev. 1) were limited to quality assurance requirements. The Quality Level was reduced from 1 to 2 for the bail and weld filler material, which is consistent with the importance to safety for these items. Note 2 of the drawing was revised to clarify the material test report requirements for the insert tube material, which remains a Quality Level 1 item.

These design changes to the axial spacer and basket inserts result in minor revisions to three pages of the BMI-1 cask amendment request. Revisions to these pages (3, 4, and 24) are incorporated in the attached revised amendment request. These pages, along with page 1 of the amendment, are identified as "Rev. 1." Also attached are revised Drawings 507583, Rev. 1 and 507584, Rev. 1.

Four copies of the revised BMI-1 cask amendment request are provided for submittal to the NRC. If there are any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact Tom Bridges, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company, at (208) 526-8894.

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# BMI-1 Cask Amendment for University of Virginia LEU MTR-Type Fuel

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The DOE University Reactors Program requests authorization to transport the following fuel assemblies in the Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI)-1 Cask: University of Virginia, low enriched uranium (LEU), intact, irradiated, Materials Test Reactor (MTR)-type fuel assemblies with up to 282.7 g U-235. Universities with MTR-type fuel have or will be converting their reactors from high enriched uranium (HEU) fuel to LEU fuel. As a result of this fuel conversion, the U-235 content for these MTR-type fuel assemblies has increased significantly. The nominal U-235 content for the University of Virginia LEU fuel assemblies is 275 g per assembly.

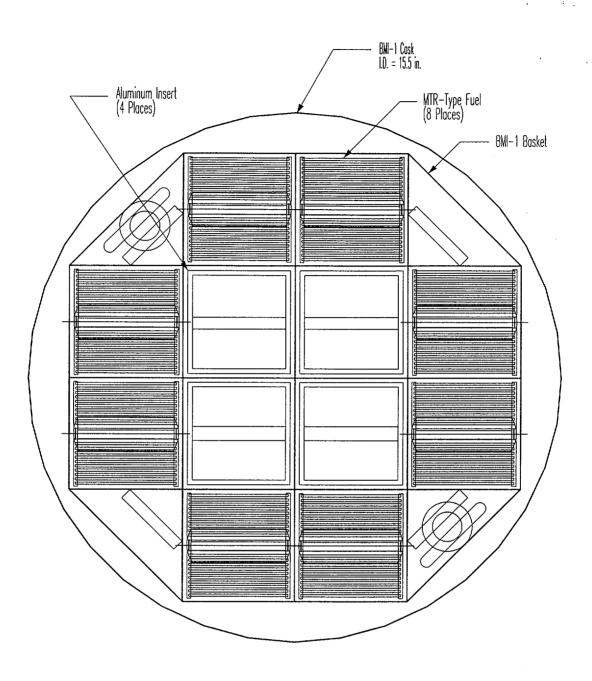
The Certificate of Compliance (C of C) for the BMI-1 Cask (Reference 1) currently authorizes the following content and product container for MTR-type fuel assemblies with U-235 contents of 240 g:

12 intact, irradiated, MTR-type fuel assemblies, containing not more than 240 g U-235 per assembly prior to irradiation [C of C No. 5957, Condition 5(b)(1)(xv)], contained in a Texas A&M fuel basket configuration as defined by the BMI-1 Drawing No. BCL-000-500, Rev. A, as modified by BMI Drawing Nos. 00-000-236, Rev. C, and BCL-000-502, Rev. B [C of C No. 5957, Condition 5(a)(4)(v)].

HEU, intact, irradiated, MTR fuel assemblies from university reactors have been previously transported in the BMI-1 Cask, as authorized, using the Texas A&M basket.

This request is for authorization to transport up to eight University of Virginia LEU fuel assemblies in the BMI-1 packaging. The LEU fuel assemblies have (a) up to 282.7 g U-235 (b) maximum burnup of 12%, (c) maximum decay of 15 watts, and (d) minimum cool down period of 120 days. The fuel assemblies will be transported using the Texas A&M basket configuration. The eight fuel assemblies will be loaded in the peripheral compartments of the 12-compartment basket (see Figure 1-1). The four center compartments will contain aluminum inserts instead of fuel assemblies as shown in Figure 1-1.

As discussed in the subsequent sections of this amendment, all important parameters of the LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies, necessary to ensure containment, shielding, and criticality safety, are enveloped by to the HEU fuel assemblies previously transported in the BMI-1 Cask. The only exception is the quantity of U-235. The increased quantity of U-235 is evaluated extensively in the structural and criticality sections of this amendment. Based upon the findings of this evaluation, it is concluded that the BMI-1 Cask satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR 71 (Reference 2) for transport of up to eight LEU, intact, irradiated, MTR-type fuel assemblies, with U-235 content not exceeding 282.7 g per fuel assembly, loaded in the packaging as proposed.



**Figure 1-1.** Loading configuration of LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies in the BMI-1 Cask. This diagram shows the location of the eight fuel assemblies loaded in the peripheral compartments of the BMI-1 basket and four aluminum inserts placed in the four center compartments of the basket.

#### 2. STRUCTURAL

Loading of LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies in the Texas A&M basket configuration will be as shown in Figure 1-1. Eight LEU fuel assemblies will be loaded in the peripheral compartments of the basket. The four center compartments will be loaded with square aluminum inserts rather than fuel. These four aluminum inserts will ensure that criticality safety is provided during normal and hypothetical accident conditions of transport. The inserts prevent loading the cask with more than eight fuel assemblies. In the unlikely event of a hypothetical accident of a free drop on the side of the cask, the four aluminum inserts will provide assurance that the eight fuel assemblies will remain in a critically safe geometry in the peripheral compartments of the basket. In addition, the four aluminum inserts will provide structural protection to the center portion of the basket's dividing cruciform which contains the boral neutron poison material.

The four aluminum inserts required for the transport of University of Virginia fuel assemblies, which have a length of 37.67 in., are defined by Lockheed Martin Drawing No. 507584, Rev. 1. The 37.67-in. long inserts are 3-in. square, 6061-T6 aluminum alloy tubing with a 3/16-in. wall. Each insert has a 3/8-in. diameter aluminum pin welded in place at the top for handling purposes.

#### Component weights are:

Fuel assemblies: 13.8 lb each (Reference 3)

Aluminum inserts: 8.0 lb each

The mechanical properties of the aluminum materials evaluated include:

Material	Minimum Tensile Strength at Room Temperature (ksi)	Tensile Strength at 300°F (ksi)	Minimum Yield Strength at Room Temperature (ksi)	Yield Strength at 300°F (ksi)	Design Stress Intensity (S <sub>m</sub> ) (ksi) <sup>a</sup>
Al 6061-T6	38.0 <sup>b</sup>	34.0°	35.0 <sup>b</sup>	31.0°	11.3
Al 6061-0	18.0°	16.3 <sup>d</sup>	8.0°	8.0 <sup>d</sup>	5.3

a. The material design stress intensities were determined in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section II, Part D, Appendix 2.

b. ASTM Standard B 221.

c. The Aluminum Association, Aluminum Construction Manual, Section 3, Engineering Data for Aluminum Structures, Third edition, New York, NY, 1975.

d. Determined based on strength data obtained from Note c for aluminum alloy 5050-0, which has nearly identical room temperature properties as Al 6061-0.

Thirty-foot free drop impact accelerations (Reference 4, Page 2.218) used for this structural evaluation are:

Orientation	Impact Acceleration (G)
Top End	87.5
Bottom End	368
Side	400

A removable axial spacer will be placed in the bottom of the Texas A&M basket assembly under the University of Virginia fuel assemblies to limit axial movement of the fuel assemblies during transport. This spacer is an Al 6061-T6511 ring, measuring 1/2-in. thick and 3-in. high as defined by Lockheed Martin Drawing No. 507583, Rev 1. The narrow width of the spacer (1/2 in.) permits air flow through the fuel assemblies as a result of natural convection cooling.

The fuel plates of the University of Virginia fuel assemblies are not centered within the poison portion of the fuel baskets as a result of the removable axial spacers. The top of the active portion (meat) of the fuel plates are nominally 1-11/16 in. above the basket poison material. This is of insignificant consequence from the standpoint of criticality safety as discussed in Section 6. In the unlikely event of a 30-ft free drop on the packaging bottom, localized yielding of the bottom of the fuel assemblies and the top of the axial spacer will occur because of the limited bearing area between the two surfaces. This condition is of no safety consequence even if the entire height of the spacer were to collapse. The fuel assemblies would remain as centered within the basket as before the accident. In addition, the criticality safety analysis for hypothetical accident conditions is based the assumption that there is no poison material within the cask cavity.

The aluminum inserts have sufficient strength to maintain the fuel geometry, ensuring criticality safety for hypothetical accident conditions. The worst case loading for the four inserts results from a 30-ft free drop with the cask in a side drop orientation. The aluminum inserts must withstand the inertial loading from the weight above them during the impact. Therefore, the aluminum inserts on the impact side of the cask must resist the greatest inertial impact loading. The impact loading results from the weight of (a) one fuel assembly (13.8 lb), (b) two aluminum inserts (2 × 8 = 16 lb) and the weight of the basket corresponding to two compartments (2/12 × 72 = 12 lb). The total weight is 41.8 lb. The impact loading for a side impact is  $400 \times 41.8 = 16,720$  lb. This loading must be resisted in compression by the two vertical walls of the tubing within the fuel basket length (25.12 in.). The aluminum insert compression area (a) for this loading is 2 × 3/16 × 25.12 = 9.42 in.<sup>2</sup> The resultant compressive stress ( $\sigma_c$ ) for the aluminum tubing walls is given by  $\sigma_c = p/a$ .

$$\sigma_c = 16,720/9.42 = 1,775 \text{ psi.}$$

The critical buckling stress for aluminum is given by  $P/A = \sigma_o - C_2(L/r)$  (Reference 5), for slenderness ratios (L/r) up to 90, where L is the effective column length. For plate components,  $r = t/(\sqrt{12})$ , where t is the plate thickness. The slenderness ratio for the aluminum insert walls is  $L/r = 3/(0.1875/\sqrt{12}) = 55.4$ , which is within the slenderness ratio range for the buckling equation. For aluminum,  $\sigma_o = 19,200$  psi and  $C_2 = 160$  (Reference 5).

Therefore, 
$$P/A = 19,200 - (160 \times 55.4) = 10,336$$
 psi.

The recommended safety factor for determining an allowable compressive stress ( $\sigma_{allowable}$ ) for aluminum is 2.5 (Reference 5).

$$\sigma_{\text{allowable}} = 10,336/2.5 = 4,134 \text{ psi.}$$

The margin of safety is:

$$MS = (\sigma_{allowable}/\sigma_{c}) - 1$$

$$MS = (4,134/1,775) - 1 = 1.3.$$

Primary membrane stresses must also be evaluated to ensure that ductile rupture does not occur under accident conditions. The criteria of U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Guide 7.6, Position 6 is: "Under accident conditions, the value of stress intensity  $(P_m)$  resulting from the primary membrane stresses should be less than the lesser of 2.4  $S_m$  and 0.7  $S_u$  (ultimate strength)." (Reference 6)

Since  $\sigma_c$  is a principal stress and the other principal stresses are zero,  $P_m = \sigma_c = 1,775$  psi.

$$2.4 \text{ S}_{\text{m}} = 2.4 \times 11,300 \text{ psi} = 27,120 \text{ psi}$$

$$0.7 S_u = 0.7 \times 34,000 \text{ psi} = 23,800 \text{ psi}$$

 $P_{m}$  is much less than the allowable of 23,800 psi, providing a very large margin of safety.

These margins of safety provide assurance that the aluminum inserts, located in the center four basket compartments, have sufficient strength for impact loading which could result from a hypothetical accident condition (30-ft free drop with the cask in a side drop orientation).

The structural integrity of MTR-type fuel assemblies is sufficient to ensure that they will remain intact in the unlikely event of a hypothetical accident condition. The fabrication specifications for these fuel assemblies require that swaging of the fuel plates in the side plates have sufficient mechanical integrity to resist a pull test of 150 lb per lineal in. (References 7 and 8). The University of Virginia fuel assembly plates weigh 176 g (0.39 lb) each (Reference 3). The inertial force acting on the fuel plates upon impact for the hypothetical accident condition of a 30-ft free drop on the cask bottom, is  $0.39 \times 368 = 14.4$  lb. The mechanical strength resulting from the swaging of the fuel plates into the side plate grooves is 50 in.  $\times$  150 lb/in. = 7,500 lb. This is approximately 50 times that required to resist the impact loading. Thus, it is assured that (a) the fuel plates will not slide out of the side plates, and (b) the fuel assemblies will remain intact for this worst-case hypothetical accident condition.

The MTR-type fuel assembly side plate/fuel plate design provides sufficient structural integrity to ensure that the fuel assemblies will remain intact and not fracture as a result of a hypothetical accident 30-ft free drop condition. The University of Virginia fuel plates have a thickness of 0.050 in. and cladding thickness of 0.015 in. (Reference 8).

Maximum bending of the fuel plates occurs for the 30-ft free drop accident condition with the fuel plates in a horizontal position. The inertial loading for the packaging side drop orientation is 400 g. The fuel plate weight per area, based on their width of 2.81 in. and length of 24.63 in., is:

$$0.39 \text{ lb/}(2.81 \text{ in.} \times 24.63 \text{ in.}) = 0.0056 \text{ psi.}$$

The resulting loading for the 400 g side drop impact is  $400 \times 0.0056 = 2.24$  psi.

The fuel plate span between the side plates is 2.64 in. The fixed end moment (M) for a unit width of the fuel plate for the inertial impact loading is  $M = wl^2/12$ , where l is the beam span (in.) and w is the uniform loading (lb/in.); w = 2.24 lb/in. for a unit width of the fuel plate.

$$M = (2.24 \times 2.64^2)/12 = 1.30 \text{ in-lb/in.}$$

The swaging of the fuel plates in the side plates provides a moment capacity  $(M_{cap})$  that is equal to the friction force (150 lb/2) provided on each side of the fuel plate multiplied by the thickness of the fuel plate.

$$M_{cap} = (75 \text{ lb/in.}) \times 0.05 \text{ in.} = 3.75 \text{ in-lb/in.}$$

The moment capacity based upon the mechanical strength of the swaged joint is nearly three times the fixed end moment calculated for the joint. Therefore, the fixed end boundary condition assumed for the fuel plate is justified.

The fuel plate bending stress for the maximum bending moment (fixed end moment) is determined by dividing the fixed end moment (M) by the plate unit width section modulus (s). The section modulus for the fuel plate, based upon the cladding thickness only for a unit width, is given by:

$$s = (t^3 - t_f^3)/6t$$

Where t is the fuel plate thickness and  $t_f$  is the thickness of the fuel plate meat  $(U_3Si_2-Al)$ .

The thickness values are: t = 0.050 in. and  $t_f = 0.020$  in.

$$s = (0.050^3 - 0.020^3)/(6 \times 0.050) = 0.00039 \text{ in.}^3/\text{in.}$$

The fuel plate maximum bending stresses are:  $\sigma_{bending} = 1.30/0.00039 = 3,333 \text{ psi}$ 

The fuel plate cladding material is Al 6061-0 which has a yield strength of 8,000 psi. The calculated bending stresses have a safety factor of:

$$(8,000/3,333) = 4.3.$$

The criteria of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Guide 7.6, Position 6, requires that, "Under accident conditions, the stress intensity resulting from the sum of primary membrane stresses and primary bending stresses ( $P_m + P_b$ ) should be the lesser value of 3.6  $S_m$  and  $S_u$ ." (Reference 6) The bending stress calculated for the fuel plates is a principal stress and the other principal stresses are zero. Therefore,

$$P_m + P_b = \sigma_b = 3{,}333 \text{ psi}$$

$$3.6 \text{ S}_{\text{m}} = 3.6 \times 5{,}300 \text{ psi} = 19{,}080 \text{ psi}$$

$$S_u = 16,300 \text{ psi.}$$

The margin of safety ensuring that ductile rupture does not occur under accident conditions is:

$$MS = (16,700/3,333) - 1 = 4.0.$$

Thus, it is assured that the fuel plates will not yield or fracture as a result of the worst-case hypothetical 30-ft free drop accident condition. The BMI-1 packaging satisfies the structural requirements of 10 CFR 71 for normal and hypothetical accident conditions for the transport of eight irradiated University of Virginia LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies.

#### 3. THERMAL

The following thermal analysis was performed for the BMI-1 Cask, with University of Virginia LEU fuel assemblies, to determine the temperature of the fuel plates during normal conditions of transport. The analysis is based on the following conservative conditions:

- 1. The packaging decay heat is based on 15 watts per fuel assembly, which is significantly greater than the University of Virginia LEU fuel assembly average decay heat of 11.1 watts.
- 2. Heat transfer from the cask cavity to the cask inner wall was assumed to occur radially only for the length of the fuel plates (25 in.).
- 3. The cask inner wall temperature was assumed to be 186°F, which is the cask inner wall temperature determined from Page 3.12 in the BMI-1 Safety Analysis Report for Packaging (SARP) (Reference 4) for a package total decay heat of 1,020 watts.

Heat transfer by radiation from the fuel to the cask wall is assumed to be that of concentric cylinders with the same area (Reference 9):

$$Q_{R} = \frac{\sigma A \left(T_{F}^{4} - T_{W}^{4}\right)}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{2}} - 1}$$

Where:

Q = heat transfer rate (BTU/hr)

 $\sigma$  = Stefan-Boltzman Constant

 $A = \text{heat transfer area (ft}^2)$ 

 $T_F$  = fuel plate temperature (°R)

 $T_w = \text{cask wall temperature (°R)}$ 

 $\varepsilon_1 = \text{surface emissivity}$ 

 $\varepsilon_2$  = surface emissivity

$$\sigma = \frac{0.1712 * 10^{-8} BTU}{hr * ft^2 * {}^{\circ}R^4}$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 0.2 - 0.3$$
 (Reference 10)

$$A = \frac{\pi(15.5)(25)}{144} = 8.45 \, ft^2$$

$$T_W = 186^{\circ}F = 646^{\circ}R$$
 [SARP, Page 3.12, (Reference 4)]

Q = 15 watts/fuel assembly

= 120 watts for 8 fuel assemblies

= 410 BTU/hr.

Heat transfer by natural convection within the cask is given by (Reference 11):

$$Q_C = h_C A (T_{air} - T_W)$$

Where:

h<sub>c</sub> = convective heat transfer coefficient

A = heat transfer area (ft<sup>2</sup>)

T<sub>air</sub> = air temperature in cask (°F)

 $T_W = \text{cask inner wall temperature (°F)}$ 

$$h_C = 0.19 (T_{air} - T_W)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$
 (Reference 11)  
 $A = 8.45 \text{ ft}^2$ 

Convective heat transfer from fuel plates to air within the cask must balance the transfer of heat to the cask walls:

$$Q_C = h_C A_F \left( T_F - T_{air} \right)$$

Where:

 $A_F$  = heat transfer area at fuel assemblies (ft<sup>2</sup>)  $T_F$  = fuel temperature (°F)

$$h_C = 0.19(T_F - T_{air})^{\frac{1}{3}}$$
 (Reference 11)

$$A_F = \frac{2*2.6in.*25in.*22}{144} = \frac{19.8 ft^2}{Fuel Assembly}$$

$$A_F = 158.9 \, ft^2$$
 for 8 fuel assemblies

Equating heat transfer from fuel plates to cask wall permits solving for average air temperature in the cask in terms of the fuel plate temperature:

$$0.19(8.45)(T_{air} - T_{W})^{\frac{4}{3}} = 0.19(158.9)(T_{F} - T_{air})^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\frac{T_{air} - T_{w}}{T_{F} - T_{air}} = \left(\frac{158.9}{8.95}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 9.03 \qquad (T_{w} = 186^{\circ}F)$$

$$T_{air} - 186 = 9.03(T_F - T_{air})$$

$$10.03T_{air} = 9.03T_{E} + 186$$

$$T_{air} = \frac{\left(9.03T_F + 186\right)}{10.03}$$

$$Q = Q_R + Q_C = 410 \text{ BTU/hr}$$

$$410BTU/hr = \frac{\sigma A \left(T_F^4 - T_W^4\right)}{\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1} + h_C A \left(T_{air} - T_W\right)$$

$$410BTU/hr = \frac{\sigma A \left(T_F^4 - T_W^4\right)}{\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1} + .19(8.45) \left(T_{air} - T_W\right)^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

Substituting 
$$T_{air} = \frac{(9.03T_F + 186)}{10.03}$$

And solving for 
$$T_F$$
, for  $\varepsilon = 0.3$ :  $T_F = 238^{\circ}F$  for  $\varepsilon = 0.2$ :  $T_F = 243^{\circ}F$ 

The fuel temperature determined by this analysis (243°F) is significantly below that assumed (300°F) for determining the aluminum insert and fuel plate cladding material properties.

The BMI-1 packaging satisfies the thermal requirements of 10 CFR 71 for normal and hypothetical accident conditions for the transport of eight irradiated LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies. The thermal parameters important for safe transport of LEU fuel assemblies are enveloped by the HEU MTR-type fuel assemblies currently authorized for transport in the BMI-1 Cask. Taking into account the U-235 fuel content, operating histories, and cooling periods of the University of Virginia LEU fuel assemblies, the decay heat per fuel assembly does not exceed 15 watts per fuel assembly. The BMI-1 Cask was originally evaluated and authorized to transport 24 fuel assemblies with a decay heat of 42.5 watts per fuel assembly using the standard basket configuration.

The axial power distribution of the LEU fuel assemblies is also consistent with that which was originally evaluated and authorized. The packaging total decay heat load, with eight LEU fuel assemblies, is approximately 12% of that which was used to demonstrate that the packaging satisfies the thermal requirements of the regulations. The differences in heat transfer characteristics, between the LEU fuel assemblies and currently authorized HEU fuel assemblies, are insignificant since the fuel assemblies have the same geometry, materials of construction, and amount of heat transfer surface area. Since the thermal parameters of the LEU fuel assemblies are enveloped by those of fuel already evaluated and authorized for transport in the BMI-1 packaging, the thermal requirements of 10 CFR 71 for normal and hypothetical accident conditions are met.

#### 4. CONTAINMENT

The BMI-1 packaging satisfies the containment safety requirements of 10 CFR 71 for both normal and hypothetical accident conditions for the transport of eight irradiated LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies. The primary containment boundary of the BMI-1 Cask ensures containment of contents. The capability of the BMI-1 packaging to satisfy containment safety requirements is not affected for the transport of eight LEU fuel assemblies, since the content weight corresponding to this fuel is less than that already evaluated and authorized. The LEU fuel plate cladding material provides a secondary containment safety function during transport. University fuel assemblies are routinely tested as a part of normal reactor operations to verify no indication of fission product leakage. The package source term for eight LEU fuel assemblies, with a pre-irradiation fuel content of 275 g U-235, is less than half of that currently authorized for the cask (24 MTR-type assemblies with a pre-irradiation fuel content of 200 g U-235).

#### 5. SHIELDING

The BMI-1 packaging satisfies the shielding requirements of 10 CFR 71 for both normal and hypothetical accident conditions for the transport of eight irradiated LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies. The radiation source term for eight LEU fuel assemblies (maximum 282.7 g U-235 prior to irradiation, maximum of 12% burnup, and a minimum of 120 days cool down) is enveloped by other contents previously evaluated and authorized [see packaging contents described in C of C No. 5957, Conditions 5(b)(1)(xiii) and (xv)]. The capability of the BMI-1 packaging to adequately provide its shielding function is unaffected for the eight LEU fuel assemblies. The combined weight of eight LEU fuel assemblies and the four aluminum inserts is less than the weight of the contents previously evaluated and authorized. Subsequent to loading of the packaging and prior to shipment of the LEU fuel, the package will be surveyed to verify that the package satisfies external radiation requirements.

#### 6. CRITICALITY EVALUATION

The BMI-1 Cask will be used to transport nuclear fuel presently located at the University of Virginia. The fuel to be transferred is enriched U-235 (< 20%) MTR-type plate fuel, with a nominal 275g U-235 per assembly, and 22 plates per assembly. The contents of each BMI-1 Cask, using the Texas A&M fuel basket configuration, will be limited to no more than eight of these fuel assemblies (see Section 1).

Based on the results of the calculations described in this section, the BMI-1 Cask with the Texas A&M fuel basket complies with the requirements of Sections 71.55 and 71.59 of 10 CFR 71 for a fissile material package. The shipments will be limited to no more than eight fuel

assemblies per cask in the eight peripheral compartments of the 12-compartment fuel basket. Aluminum inserts will be placed in the center four basket compartments to ensure that the fuel assemblies cannot migrate to the center positions during accident conditions.

#### 6.1 Discussion and Results

The University of Virginia fuel assembly contains 22 flat fuel-loaded plates. The plates are composed of rolled uranium-silicide alloy powder (the fuel "meat") clad with aluminum. The fuel meat is 0.20-in. thick, with 0.15-in. thick aluminum cladding. Each plate contains 12.5g U-235, with 19.75 wt% enrichment. Thus, each assembly contains 275g U-235. The fueled portion of the plates is 23.5-in. long. Figure 6-1 shows a sketch of the University of Virginia fuel assembly.

The BMI-1 Cask is a 15.5-in. inside diameter, 54.0-in. inside height cylinder, with 0.25-in. thick stainless steel walls, surrounded by 8.0-in. thick lead, followed by 0.5-in. thick stainless steel. The base of the cylinder consists of 0.75-in. thick stainless steel, followed by 7.5-in. thick lead, and covered with 1.0-in. thick stainless steel. The lid bottom is 0.75-in. thick stainless steel, followed by 8.0-in. thick lead, and covered with 1.5-in. thick stainless steel. Figure 6-2 shows a sketch of the BMI-1 Cask.

The Texas A&M fuel basket is a 12-compartment carrier, with a 50.5-in. overall length. Each compartment is 3.31-in. x 3.31-in. square. Each arm of the poisoned center cruciform is 0.124-in. thick, 25.0-in. long, and 6.69-in. wide, thus extending the width of two compartments. The cruciform arms each contain two 2.97-in. wide, 0.062-in. thick, 24.5-in. long boral plates. The boral plates contain B<sub>4</sub>C-Al, 35 wt% enriched in B<sub>4</sub>C, and are clad with 0.011-in. thick aluminum. The boral plates are separated by a 0.25-in. stainless steel plate, with two 0.25-in. stainless steel plates on either side of the boral plates, two 0.25-in. stainless steel plates on top and bottom, and clad with 0.031-in. thick stainless steel. The other walls of the fuel basket are made of 0.125-in. thick stainless steel plate. The fuel assemblies are placed in the basket so that no more than two inches of the fuel plates extend past the boral plates. The Texas A&M basket, which permits longer fuel assemblies in the cask, is a modification of the BMI standard basket. Figure 6-3 shows a sketch of the Texas A&M basket.

Several thermal reactor critical benchmark experiments were evaluated using the KENO V.a code. A few experiments involved the SPERT-D fuel assemblies, which are 22 high-enriched (93 wt%) uranium alloy plates clad in aluminum contained in an aluminum box. In addition, benchmark experiments involving uranium-aluminum systems with lead reflection or discrete boron poisoning performed at the Pacific Northwest Laboratory were used to validate the results of this analysis. The details of these calculations are given in Section 6.5. Based on the results of these calculations, a 1% bias  $(0.01 \ \Delta k_{eff})$  is added to the results involving boron poison, and no bias is added to the other results.

For normal conditions, calculations were performed with all degrees of moderation. Eight fuel assemblies, each with 282.7 g U-235 and 20 wt% enriched, were modeled in the cask in the eight peripheral compartments of the fuel basket. The poisoned center cruciform of the basket was modeled in the normal condition cases, with 75% density boron. For accident condition cases, the poisoned cruciform of the basket was conservatively ignored. Figures 6-4, 6-5, and 6-6 are sketches of the models used to represent the fuel, the cask, and the basket, respectively.

Figure 6-1. University of Virginia fuel assembly.

Figure 6-2. BMIy-t Caský

Figure 6-3. Cross-section diagram of BiLVII-I fuel basket.

Figure 6-4. Sketch of fuel assembly model.

Figure 6-5. Sketch of fuel basket model.

Figure 6-6. Sketch of cask model.

An effective multiplication factor  $(k_{eff})$  of  $0.153 \pm 0.001$  was calculated for an infinite array of casks in a triangular-pitch array with no water moderation inside or outside of the casks. This becomes 0.165 with the addition of the bias and two standard deviations  $(2\sigma)$  of the statistical uncertainty associated with the Monte Carlo calculations. It should be noted that KENO V.a has not been validated for extremely low  $k_{eff}$  values (<0.7), but the results are useful in determining the margin of safety.

A triangular-pitch array of three casks was modeled as described above, with full water density inside the fuel assemblies, 70% water density outside the fuel assemblies, no moderation between the casks, and full water reflection around the cask array. For this case, a  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value of 0.742  $\pm$  0.001 was calculated. This becomes 0.754 with the addition of the bias and  $2\sigma$  of the statistical uncertainty.

For the accident condition, a single cask was modeled without the center poisoned cruciform of the basket, and the fuel assemblies were modeled with optimal spacing between assemblies in the peripheral locations in the cask. The most reactive condition was full water moderation inside the fuel assemblies, 30% water volume fraction outside the fuel assemblies, and full water reflection outside the cask. For this condition a  $k_{\rm eff}$  value of 0.926  $\pm$  0.001 was calculated. This becomes 0.928 with the addition of  $2\sigma$  of the statistical uncertainty. Thus, with the requirements of 10 CFR 71.59(b) for arrays of fissile material packages, a transport index based on nuclear criticality control for this package is 100.

## 6.2 Package Fuel Loading

The contents of the BMI-1 Cask will be limited to eight University of Virginia fuel assemblies loaded in the peripheral compartments of the fuel basket. The remaining four center locations of the 12-compartment basket will contain aluminum inserts. The maximum permissible U-235 content of the fuel assemblies is 282.7g U-235, with a maximum uranium enrichment of 19.95%. The maximum permissible gap between fuel plates in the assembly for normal or accident conditions is 0.14-in.

## 6.3 Model Specification

#### 6.3.1 Description of Calculational Model

6.3.1.1 Fuel Assemblies. The University of Virginia fuel assemblies are described in their respective drawings and specifications (References 8 and 12). The fuel assembly contains 22 flat fuel-loaded plates. The plates are composed of a rolled uranium-silicide alloy powder clad with aluminum. The fuel meat is 0.20-in. thick, with 0.15-in. thick aluminum cladding. Each plate contains 12.5 g U-235 (12.85g maximum), with 19.75 wt% (19.95% maximum) enrichment. Thus, each fuel assembly contains 275g U-235 (282.7g maximum). The gaps between fuel plates are 0.093-in. thick. The fueled portion of the plates is 23.5-in. long, and the plates are 24.63-in. long.

For this analysis, a conservative fuel assembly was modeled. The fuel meat was modeled simply as 12.85g U-235 and 51.4g U-238, ignoring any silicide that may be present. This will have no effect on the reactivity in moderated conditions. The dimensions of the fuel meat were modeled as 2.47-in. wide, 0.02-in. thick, and 23.5-in. long. The overall dimensions of the fuel plate were modeled as 2.976-in. wide, 0.05-in. thick, 24.63-in. long, with the fuel meat centered in all directions, clad with 0.15-in. thick aluminum. The gaps between the fuel plates were

conservatively modeled as 0.140-in. thick. This gap thickness is greater than the gap thickness of the University of Virginia fuel assemblies, and conservatively adds about 0.08 Δk<sub>eff</sub> in reactivity. The overall dimensions of the fuel assemblies were thus 2.976-in. wide, 4.18-in. thick, and 24.63in. long. The fuel assembly modeled will conservatively envelop the University of Virginia fuel assembly.

6.3.1.2 Basket and Cask. The Texas A&M Basket assembly is described in BMI Drawing BCL-000-500, as modified by BMI Drawing 00-000-236 (References 13 and 14). The Texas A&M Basket is a modification of the BMI standard basket that accommodates longer fuel assemblies. The only part of the basket that was included in the model was the poisoned center cruciform. The cruciform was modeled as described in Section 6.1, with 75% boron. The compartment walls of the basket were not modeled for conservatism. The fact that the compartment walls were not modeled allowed the fuel assemblies to be modeled closer together, and ignored the slight neutron absorption that the walls provide.

The BMI-1 Cask is described in BMI Drawing 43-6704-0001 (Reference 15). The cask was modeled as described in Section 6.1.

#### 6.3.2 Package Regional Densities

Material densities in (atoms/barn-cm) and (g/cm³) are presented in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1. Material composition	ons for BMI-1 Cask calculations.
Description	Material

Description	Material	Number Density (volume fraction)
Fissile Region	U-235	1.73064 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
$(\rho = 3.4 \text{ g/cm}^3)$	U-238	6.83511 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Water Regions	H <sub>2</sub> O	Variable
$(\rho = 1.0 \text{ g/cm}^3)$		
Side Plates and Clad	Al	6.02377 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
$(\rho = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3)$		
Stainless Steel	SS304	(1.0)
$(\rho = 7.9 \text{ g/cm}^3)$		
Boral Plates	B-10	5.99720 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
$(\rho = 2.5 \text{ g/cm}^3)$	B-11	2.41395 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
(, 8 )	С	$1.00456 \times 10^{-2}$
	Al	$3.82052 \times 10^{-2}$
Lead	Pb	3.29879 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
$(\rho = 11.4 \text{ g/cm}^3)$		

## 6.4 Criticality Calculations

#### 6.4.1 Calculational Method

Calculations were performed using the three-dimensional Monte Carlo code KENO V.a which is part of the SCALE-4 modular code system (Reference 16). All calculations documented in this evaluation were performed on an HP workstation operating under HP-UX with Version 10.2 of the Fortran compiler. Configuration Release 1.10 of the SCALE-4.0 code system and the

associated 27-energy-group ENDF/B Version 4 cross sections were used to evaluate the KENO V.a models in this evaluation (Reference 17).

The KENO V.a Monte Carlo criticality code and the 27-energy-group ENDF/B Version 4 cross-section library were chosen because of their long successful use and easy availability. Validation of the code and cross sections is presented in Section 6.5.

#### 6.4.2 Fuel Loading Optimization

Fuel was modeled as described in Section 6.3.1.1. Other parameters such as assembly placement, moderation, and fuel gap spacing were optimized as described below. The maximum U-235 loading (282.7g) and a just slightly more than the maximum enrichment (20%) of the actual fuel assembly was used in all calculations.

Under accident conditions, some of the fuel assemblies may compress a small amount. Compression of the fuel assemblies would be less reactive than the plate separation modeled. Section 2 shows that the plates will not separate further apart during an accident. The basket was not modeled for the accident conditions, but the geometry that the basket provides was used. Fuel assemblies were conservatively modeled within the peripheral locations. Adjacent fuel assemblies were placed side-by-side with no separation and displaced from their nominal basket position 0.6 in. towards the center of the cask. Aluminum inserts will be placed in the center four basket compartments to ensure that the fuel assemblies cannot migrate to the center positions during accident conditions.

Table 6-2 shows results that determine optimal fuel assembly placement, fuel gap moderation, moderation between fuel assemblies and cask, and interstitial moderation. Table 6-2 also shows that using a 0.14-in. spacing between fuel plates is conservative. The results of Table 6-2 also show that the reflection provided by the cask is more reactive than that from full water reflection.

The material of the basket walls was not modeled in either the normal or the accident conditions. The central poison cruciform of the basket was modeled in the normal conditions with 75% boron.

#### 6.4.3 Criticality Calculation Results

The most reactive configurations of the shipping casks for both normal and accident conditions of transport are those in which the casks are as closely spaced as possible. Thus, when multiple casks were modeled, the casks were modeled touching in a triangular-pitch array. Conservatisms in the models include larger than normal fuel plate spacing, modeling the fuel as simply U-235 and U-238, modeling a slightly higher uranium enrichment than expected, 75% boron loading when modeled, optimum moderation, and ignoring basket material which allows closer spacing and disregards some neutron poisoning. Appendix A shows representative input files for the KENO V.a calculations.

**6.4.3.1 Normal Conditions of Transport.** For these calculations, normal conditions of transport include all cases for which the complete shipping casks remain in their original condition.

Table 6-3 shows the calculated multiplication factors (k<sub>eff</sub>) and associated statistical uncertainties for normal transport conditions. Calculations for partial submersion of undamaged

casks in water are included. It should be noted that KENO V.a has not been validated for extremely low  $k_{eff}$  values (< 0.7), but the results are useful in determining the margin of safety.

**6.4.3.2** Accident Conditions of Transport. For these calculations, accident conditions of transport are the same as normal conditions of transport, except that the poisoned center

**Table 6-2.** Fuel loading optimization results.

	Configuration	Results
		(including 2 $\sigma$ )
1.	One cask, 0.140-in. plate separation, fuel assemblies 0.6-in.	0.928
	toward center of cask from normal basket compartment position,	
	no poison cruciform, full water density inside fuel assemblies,	
	30% density water outside fuel assemblies, full water reflection	
2.	Same as case 1, fuel assemblies 0.5-in. toward center of cask	0.925
3.	Same as case 1, fuel assemblies 0.4-in. toward center of cask	0.919
4.	Same as case 1, fuel assemblies 0.3-in. toward center of cask	0.913
5.	Same as case 1, 50% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.926
6.	Same as case 1, 70% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.907
7.	Same as case 1, 20% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.912
8.	Same as case 1, 90% density water inside fuel assemblies	0.903
9.	Same as case 1, 80% density water inside fuel assemblies	0.869
10.	Same as case 1, 0.120-in. plate separation	0.899
11.	Same as case 1, 0.100-in. plate separation	0.857
12.	Same as case 1, 0.093-in. plate separation	0.846
13.	Same as case 1, cask replaced by water	0.853
14.	3 casks in triangular-pitch array, 75% boron loading, 70% density	0.754 <sup>a</sup>
	water outside fuel assemblies, full density water inside fuel	
	assemblies, no flooding between casks, full water reflection	
15.	Same as case 14, 90% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.749ª
16.	Same as case 14, 100% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.748ª
17.	Same as case 14, 50% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.753 <sup>a</sup>
18.	Same as case 14, 30% density water outside fuel assemblies	0.745ª
19.	Same as case 14, 10% density water between casks	0.754ª
20.	Same as case 14, 20% density water between casks	0.753 <sup>a</sup>
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**Table 6-3.** Calculated multiplication factors for normal conditions of transport.

	Configuration	Results (including 2 $\sigma$ and 1% bias)
1.	Single cask, dry	0.041
2.	Infinite array of casks, dry	0.194
3.	Single cask, fully flooded	0.744
4.	Three casks, full density water inside fuel assemblies, 70% water moderation outside fuel assemblies, no moderation between casks, full water reflection	0.754

cruciform of the fuel basket was not modeled. For this condition with optimal moderation, a  $k_{eff}$  value of  $0.926 \pm 0.001$  was calculated. The fuel cannot come under a more reactive condition since the basket cannot be damaged such that the fuel assemblies can migrate to the center of the cask (see Section 2).

## 6.5 Critical Benchmark Experiments

Several thermal-reactor critical benchmark experiments were evaluated using the KENO V.a codes. The cases selected were part of KENO V.a validations performed at the INEEL (References 18, 19, and 20).

#### 6.5.1 Benchmark Experiment and Applicability

Three series of benchmark experiments were chosen to validate KENO V.a for use in this evaluation. The first is for SPERT-D fuel assemblies, the second is for low-enriched aluminum-clad rods with lead reflection, and the third is for low-enriched aluminum-clad rods with discrete boral poisoning.

SPERT-D fuel assemblies are high-enriched (93.2%) uranium-alloy plates clad in aluminum, contained in an aluminum box. One complete SPERT-D fuel assembly contains 22 plates with 0.065-in. water gaps and about 300 g U-235. Partial assemblies with fewer plates can be constructed. Non-integer numbers in the array dimensions in Table 6-4 reflects the use of partial assemblies. Reference 18 contains a complete description of each of the SPERT-D benchmark experiments.

The SPERT-D benchmark experiments provide validation of the methods and cross sections used to calculate  $k_{\text{eff}}$  for water moderated high enriched aluminum fuels for the following reasons:

- 1. Both the critical benchmark experiments and the university fuel assemblies are high enriched metal plates clad in aluminum.
- 2. Both the critical benchmark experiments and the university fuel assemblies are water moderated.
- 3. The H/X ratio for the critical experiments is 159. The H/X ratio for the representative fuel assembly is 298.

Benchmark experiments performed at Pacific Northwest Laboratories involving flooded arrays of low-enriched aluminum-clad rods with lead reflection were also used to validate the codes for lead reflection. The fuel rods consisted of 4.31 wt% enriched  $UO_2$ . The use of low enriched fuel does not reflect University of Virginia fuel, but the validation tests the cross sections for water moderated, lead reflected systems. The rods were placed in square-pitched arrays to form a cluster; the clusters were separated by various amounts of water and reflected on two sides by a 4.02-in. thick lead wall. The 1.0-in. pitch arrays (H/X = 256) were in the form of 13 x 8 rod clusters, and the 0.74-in. pitch arrays (H/X = 106) were in the form of 12 x 16 rod clusters. Table 6-5 shows the KENO V.a results for these experiments. Reference 19 contains a more complete description of these experiments.

Table 6-4. High enriched, water moderated, uranium-aluminum plate systems.

Benchmark	Dimensions	Spaci	Results			
Number	(No. of assemblies) <sup>a</sup>	Assemblies	Rows	Results		
1	4 x 3.77 x 1	0.000	0.000	$0.996 \pm 0.001$		
2	4 x 3.16 x 1	0.635	0.635	$1.003 \pm 0.001$		
3	4 x 3.09 x 1	1.270	1.270	$1.005 \pm 0.001$		
4	4 x 3.16 x 1	1.905	1.905	$0.993 \pm 0.001$		
5	4 x 3.70 x 1	2.540	2.540	$1.000 \pm 0.001$		
6	5 x 4.03 x 1	3.175	3.175	$1.000 \pm 0.001$		
7	6 x 5.34 x 1	3.810	3.810	$0.999 \pm 0.001$		
8	7 x 6.68 x 1	4.064	4.064	$0.995 \pm 0.001$		
9	16 x 2.32 x 1	0.000	0.000	$0.990 \pm 0.001$		
10	16 x 3 x 1	1.270	5.5626	$1.006 \pm 0.001$		
11	16 x 4 x 1	1.270	6.5024	$1.004 \pm 0.001$		
12	16 x 4 x 1	1.270	1.270	$1.004 \pm 0.001$		
	16.18 cm between					
	two 16 x 2 x 1 arrays					
Average: $1.000 \pm 0.001$						
a. Non-integer numbers indicate partial assemblies.						

**Table 6-5.** Lead reflected, low enriched, water moderated, uranium-aluminum systems.

Case	Cluster Description	Spacing Between   Spacing Between   Lead and Clusters		Results			
1	13 x 8	7.68 in.	0.0 in.	$1.0041 \pm 0.0012$			
2	1.0-in. square-pitch	7.74 in.	0.26 in.	$1.0070 \pm 0.0012$			
3	array	7.05 in.	0.52 in.	$1.0059 \pm 0.0012$			
4		3.61 in.	2.13 in.	$0.9910 \pm 0.0012$			
20	12 x 16	6.80 in	0.0 in.	$0.9998 \pm 0.0011$			
21	0.74-in. square-pitch	6.97 in.	0.26 in.	$0.9975 \pm 0.0012$			
22	array	6.67 in.	0.77 in.	$0.9966 \pm 0.0012$			
23		5.45 in.	1.97 in.	$0.9951 \pm 0.0012$			
	Average: 0.9996 ± 0.0012						

Benchmark experiments performed at Pacific Northwest Laboratories involving flooded arrays of low-enriched aluminum-clad rods with boral plate poisoning were also used to validate the codes. The fuel rods consisted of 2.35 wt% enriched  $UO_2$ . Again, the use of low enriched fuel does not reflect University of Virginia fuel, but the validation tests the cross sections for water moderated, discrete boron poisoned systems. The rods were placed in 0.8-in. pitch square arrays (H/X = 196) to form a cluster, the clusters were separated by various amounts of water and reflected by water. A 0.28-in. thick boral plate was placed between the clusters. Table 6-6 shows the KENO V.a results for these experiments. Reference 20 contains a more complete description of these experiments.

Table 6-6. Low enriched, water moderated, uranium-aluminum systems with boral poison.

Case	Cluster Description	Spacing Between Clusters	Spacing Between Boral Plate and Center Cluster	Results
12	20 x 17	2.49 in.	0.25 in.	$0.9918 \pm 0.0018$
13	20 x 17	3.56 in.	1.75 in.	$0.9894 \pm 0.0016$
14	20 x 16 (center) 22 x 16 (two outer)	1.99 in.	0.25 in.	$0.9932 \pm 0.0016$
			Average:	$0.9915 \pm 0.0017$

#### 6.5.2 Summary of Benchmark Calculations

For the SPERT-D and low-enriched lead reflection benchmark experiments, deviations from unity are much less than 1%, and less than 0.1% for the average  $k_{\rm eff}$  results.

For the boral poison benchmark experiments, the calculated results of one experiment deviated from unity by 1%. Deviations from unity are about 0.8% for the average  $k_{\rm eff}$  results. Thus, a 1% bias was conservatively added to the results involving boral poison.

The results of the code validation show that no bias needs to be added to the results where no boral poison is involved.

#### 7. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Shipment of the University of Virginia LEU irradiated fuel assemblies in the BMI-1 Cask, using the Texas A&M basket configuration, requires the following operating procedures in addition to those currently in place:

- 1. The University of Virginia fuel assembly axial spacer (Lockheed Martin Dwg. No. 507583, Rev. 1) must be placed in Texas A&M basket removable lower section (Dwg. No. BCL-000-502). To accomplish this, the Texas A&M basket removable lower section must be temporarily unbolted from the BMI-1 basket. The axial spacer must be placed in the Texas A&M basket removable lower section with the ring drain slots and chamfers of the radial gussets facing down. After the axial spacer is properly placed in the removable lower section, the lower section must be reattached (bolted) to the BMI-1 basket.
- 2. Prior to loading the University of Virginia fuel assemblies in the Texas A&M basket, the four aluminum inserts (Lockheed Martin Dwg. No. 507584, Rev. 1) must be placed, with the lifting bails located at the top of the basket, in the center four compartments of the BMI-1 basket as shown in Figure 1-1.
- 3. The University of Virginia fuel assemblies must be placed in the eight peripheral compartments of the BMI-1 basket as shown in Figure 1-1. The fuel assemblies must be loaded upright with the fuel assemblies lifting bail at the top of the basket to ensure proper positioning of the fuel relative to the basket poison material.

#### 8. CONCLUSION

This evaluation demonstrates that the BMI-1 Cask with up to eight LEU MTR-type fuel assemblies (each containing a maximum of 282.7 g of U-235), loaded as proposed, has adequate margin of safety to ensure that the general public and the environment are protected from undue risks. The package complies with the requirements of 10 CFR 71 for exclusive use shipments as a Type B quantity, fissile material container, with a criticality control Transport Index of 100.

Based upon the results of this evaluation, permission is respectively requested, in the form of a letter of agreement, to use the BMI-1 packaging as proposed to transport up to eight LEU, intact, irradiated, MTR-type fuel assemblies, each containing a maximum of 282.7 g U-235.

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# Appendix A Criticality Evaluation Input Listings

	HOLE 23 0.19686 -0.15748 31.75
Listing 1. Infinite array of dry BMI-1	HOLE 6 0.0 0.19686 31.75
	HOLE 6 0.0 -17.18946 31.75
casks.	HOLE 10 3.93701 12.80090 32.22
	HOLE 10 3.93701 -12.80090 32.22
	HOLE 10 11.49606 7.10734 32.22
=CSAS25	HOLE 10 11.49606 -7.10734 32.22
ACC154 inf BMI Casks, 282.7g U-235, 20%, hex, 75% B,	ZHEMICYL+X 6 1 20.32 2P70.485 ZHEMICYL+X 3 1 40.64 90.805 -89.535
0.1400 gap, 8 rods, dry	
27GROUPNDF4 INFHOMMEDIUM	ZHEMICYL+X 6 1 41.91 94.615 -92.075 UNIT 12
U-235 1 0 1.73064-3 END	COM=* right side *
U-238 1 0 6.83511-3 END	ZHEMICYL-X 0 1 19.685 2P68.58
H2O 2 1.0 END	HOLE 3 -17.18946 0.0 31.75
PB 3 0 3.29879-2 END	HOLE 23 -17.18946 -0.15748 31.75
B-10 4 0 5.97613-3 END	HOLE 26 -0.15748 0.19686 31.75
B-11 4 0 2.40540-2 END	HOLE 26 -0.15748 -17.18946 31.75
C 4 0 1.00456-2 END	HOLE 10 -3.93701 12.80090 32.22
AL 4 0 3.82052-2 END	HOLE 10 -3.93701 -12.80090 32.22
AL 5 0 6.02377-2 END SS304 6 1.0 END	HOLE 10 -11.49606 7.10734 32.22
7700	HOLE 10 -11.49606 -7.10734 32.22
H2O 7 0.1 END END COMP	ZHEMICYL-X 6 1 20.32 2P70.485
ACC154 inf BMI Casks, 282.7g U-235, 20%, hex, 75% B,	ZHEMICYL-X 3 1 40.64 90.805 -89.535
0.1400 gap, 8 rods, dry	ZHEMICYL-X 6 1 41.91 94.615 -92.075
READ PARA	UNIT 13
TME=150.0 GEN=203 NPG=1000	COM=* lower side * ZHEMICYL+Y 0 1 19.685 2P68.58
FLX=NO FDN=NO AMX=NO FAR=NO	
RUN=YES PLT=YES NUB=YES	
END PARA	HOLE 3 0.19686 0.0 31.75 HOLE 6 0.0 0.19686 31.75
READ GEOM	HOLE 26 -0.15748 0.19686 31.75
UNIT 1	HOLE 10 -3.93701 12.80090 32.22
COM=* Horizontal SS *	HOLE 10 3.93701 12.80090 32.22
CUBOID 6 1 2P0.31750 0.15748 0.0 2P31.75	HOLE 10 -11.49606 7.10734 32.22
UNIT 2	HOLE 10 11.49606 7.10734 32.22
COM=* upper Horizontal Poison *	ZHEMICYL+Y 6 1 20.32 2P70.485
CUBOID 4 1 2P3.74396 0.0508 0.0 2P31.08706	ZHEMICYL+Y 3 1 40.64 90.805 -89.535
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77190 0.07874 0.0 2P31.115 CUBOID 6 1 2P3.77190 0.15748 0.0 2P31.75	ZHEMICYL+Y 6 1 41.91 94.615 -92.075
UNIT 22	UNIT 14
COM=* lower Horizontal Poison *	COM=* upper side *
CUBOID 4 1 2P3.74396 0.0 -0.0508 2P31.08706	ZHEMICYL-Y 0 1 19.685 2P68.58 HOLE 23 -17.18946 -0.15748 31.75
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77190 0.0 -0.07874 2P31.115	
CUBOID 6 1 2P3.77190 0.0 -0.15748 2P31.75	HOLE 23 0.19686 -0.15748 31.75 HOLE 6 0.0 -17.18956 31.75
UNIT 3	HOLE 26 -0.15748 -17.18956 31.75
COM=* upper Hz Poison Array *	HOLE 10 -3.93701 -12.80090 32.22
ARRAY 3 0.0 0.0 -31.75	HOLE 10 3.93701 -12.80090 32.22
UNIT 23	HOLE 10 -11.49606 -7.10734 32.22
COM=* lower Hz Poison Array *	HOLE 10 11.49606 -7.10734 32.22
ARRAY 23 0.0 0.0 -31.75 UNIT 4	ZHEMICYL-Y 6 1 20.32 2P70.485
COM=* Vertical SS *	ZHEMICYL-Y 3 1 40.64 90.805 -89.535
CUBOID 6 1 0.15748 0.0 2P0.31750 2P31.75	ZHEMICYL-Y 6 1 41.91 94.615 -92.075 GLOBAL
UNIT 5	UNIT 15
COM** right Vertical Poison *	CUBOID 0 1 2P41.9101 2P72.5903 186.6901 -
CUBOID 4 1 0.0508 0.0 2P3.74396 2P31.08706	0.0001
CUBOID 5 1 0.07874 0.0 2P3.77190 2P31.115	HOLE 11 -41.91 0.0 92.075
CUBOID 6 1 0.15748 0.0 2P3.77190 2P31.75	HOLE 12 41.91 0.0 92.075
UNIT 25	HOLE 13 0.0 -72.59025 92.075
COM≃* left Vertical Poison *	HOLE 14 0.0 72.59025 92.075
CUBOID 4 1 0.0 -0.0508 2P3.74396 2P31.08706	END GEOM
CUBOID 5 1 0.0 -0.07874 2P3.77190 2P31.115	READ ARRAY ARA=3 NUX=5 NUY=1 NUZ=1
CUBOID 6 1 0.0 -0.15748 2P3.77190 2P31.75	ARA=3 NUX=5 NUY=1 NUZ=1 FILL 1 2 1 2 1 END FILL
UNIT 6	ARA=6 NUX=1 NUY=5 NUZ=1
COM=* right Vt Poison Array *	FILL 4 5 4 5 4 END FILL
ARRAY 6 0.0 0.0 -31.75	ARA=10 NUX=1 NUY=45 NUZ=1
UNIT 26	FILL 9 7 8 20Q2 7 9 END FILL
COM±* left Vt Poison Array *	ARA=12 NUX=3 NUY=3 NUZ=3
ARRAY 26 0.0 0.0 -31.75	FILL F11 END FILL
UNIT 7 COM=* Fuel Plate *	ARA=23 NUX±5 NUY≠1 NUZ±1
CUME FUEL FIACE *	FILL 1 22 1 22 1 END FILL
CUBOID 1 1 2P3.13690 2P0.02540 2P29.845 CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.06350 2P31.2801	ARA=26 NUX=1 NUY=5 NUZ=1
UNIT 8	FILL 4 25 4 25 4 END FILL END ARRAY
COM#* Gap *	READ BOUNDS ALL=MIRROR END BOUNDS
CUBOID 0 1 2P3.30200 2P0.17780 2P31.2801	READ START NST=6 TFX=-37.9 TFY=4.1 TFZ=123.0 LNU=203
COBCID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.17780 2P31.2801	END START RSIES TFREESTARY IFIE4.1 TFZ=123.0 LNU=203
UNIT 9	READ PLOT
COM≈* End Gap *	NCH=Ö .@ \+^=`Ö PIC=MIX PLT=YES
CUBOID 0 1 2P3.30200 2P0.08890 2P31.2801	TTL=* X-Y SLICE *
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.08890 2P31.2801 UNIT 10	XUL=-42.0 YUL=72.6 ZUL=123.0
COM=* UVA Fuel Element *	XLR=42.0 YLR=-72.6 ZLR=123.0
ARRAY 10 -3.77952 -5.3086 -31.28010	UAX=1.0 VDN=-1.0 NAX=130 END
UNIT 11 -3:77952 -5:3086 -31:28010	END PLOT
COM** left side *	END PLOT
	END DATA
ZHEMICYL+X 0 1 19.685 2P68.58	END DATA
HOLE 3 0.19686 0.0 31.75	END DATA END

# **Listing 2.** One BMI-1 cask, accident condition, optimal moderation.

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ACC130 1 BMI Cask, 8 elements, 0.1400 gap, no poison,
cask water vf=0.3
27GROUPNDF4
                 INFHOMMEDIUM
U-235
               1 0 1.73064-3
                                     END
U-238
               1 0
                     6.83511-3
                                     END
Н2О
                  1.0
               3 0 3.29879-2
4 0 5.97613-3
PB
                                     END
8-11
                   0 2.40540-2
                                     END
                  0 1.00456-2
                                     END
ĀL
               4 0 3.82052-2
5 0 6.02377-2
AL
                                     END
SS304
               6 1.0
H20
                                     END
END COMP
ACC130 1 BMI Cask, 8 elements, 0.140Ó gap, no poison, cask water vf=0.3
READ PARA
  TME=150.0 GEN=203 NPG=1000
  FI.X=NO
               FDN=NO
                           AMX=NO
                                       FAR=NO
  RUN=YES
               PLT=YES
                           NUB=YES
END PARA
READ GROM
  UNIT 1
COM=* Horizontal SS *
   CUBOID 6 1 2P0.31750 2P0.15748 2P31.75
  UNIT 2
COM=* Horizontal Poison *
   CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77190 2P0.15748 2P31.15

CUBOID 6 1 2P3.77190 2P0.15748 2P31.75
  UNIT 3
COM=* Hz Poison Array *
   ARRAY 3
               -8.49630
                                -0.15748
                                              -31.75
  UNIT 4
COM=* Vertical SS *
   CUBOID 6 1 2P0.15748 2P0.31750 2P31.75
  UNIT 5
COM=* Vertical Poison *
   CUBOID 4 1 2P0.0508 2P3.74396 2P31.08706
CUBOID 5 1 2P0.07874 2P3.77190 2P31.115
   CUBOID 6 1 2P0.15748 2P3.77190
  UNIT 6
COM=* Vt Poison Array *
   ARRAY 6
                   -0.15748
                                 -8.49630
  UNIT 7
    COM=* Fuel Plate *
   CUBOID 1 1 2P3.13690 2P0.02540 2P29.845
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.06350 2P31.2801
  UNIT 8
COM=* Gap *
   CUBOID 2 1 2P3.30200 2P0.17780 2P31.2801
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.17780 2P31.2801
  UNIT 9
COM=* End Gap *
   CUBOID 2 1 2P3.30200 2P0.08890 2P31.2801
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.08890 2P31.2801
   COM=* UVA Fuel Element *
                  -3.77952 -5.3086 -31.28010
   ARRAY 10
  UNIT 11
   CYLINDER 7 1 19.685
                                  2P68.58
                      3.77953
-3.77953
   HOLE.
               10
                                    11.87236
                                                 32.22
   HOLE
               10
                                    11.87236
                                                 32.22
   HOLE
                      -3.77953
                                    -11.87236
   HOLE
               10
                       3.77953
                                   -11.87236
                                                 32.22
   HOLE
                      11.33858
                                      6.30376
   HOLE
               10
                     -11.33858
                                      6.30376
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   HOLE
                     -11.33858
                                     -6.30376
                                                 32.22
   HOLE
               10
                      11.33858
                                     -6.30376
                                                 32.22
                 1 20.32
   CYLINDER 6
                                  2P70.485
   CYLINDER
              3 1 40.64
                                  90.805
                                              -89.535
   CYLINDER
              6 1 41.91 94.615
2 1 4P71.91 124.615
                                              -92.075
   CUBOID
END GEOM
READ ARRAY
ARA=3 NUX=5 NUY=1 NU2
FILL 1 2 1 2 1 END FILL
                           NU2=1
                          NUZ=1
ARA=6 NUX=1 NUY=5 NUZ
FILL 4 5 4 5 4 END FILL
 ARA=10 NUX=1 NUY=45 NUZ=1
 FILL 9 7 8 20Q2 7 9 END FILL
END ARRAY
READ PLOT
 NCH=0 .@!\+^= \0 PIC=MIX PLT=YES
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XIII.=-20.0 YIII.=20.0
                    ZUL=34.0
          YLR=-20.0 ZLR=34.0
XLR=20.0
UAX=1.0 VDN=-1.0
NCH=Ö .@!\+^=`Ö PIG
NAX=130
XLR=8.87
          YLR=0.0
                     ZLR=34.0
UAX=1.0
          VDN=-1.0
                    NAX=130 END
END PLOT
END DATA
END
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# **Listing 3.** Three BMI-1 casks, normal condition, optimal moderation.

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≖CSAS25
ACC160 3 BMI Casks, 8 elements, 0.1406 gap, 75%
poison, cask vf=0.7
                  INFHOMMEDIUM
27GROUPNDF4
                1 0 6.83511-3
U-238
                                     END
H20
                  1.0
                  0 3.29879-2
0 5.97613-3
PR
B-10
                                     END
                     2.40540-2
               4 0 1.00456-2
                                     END
                      3.82052-2
AT.
                5 0
                     6.02377-2
                                     END
SS304
                  1.0
                                     END
H20
END COMP
ACC160 3 BMI Casks, 8 elements, 0.140Ó gap, 75%
poison, cask vf=0.7
READ PARA
  TME=150.0
               GEN=203 NPG=1000
   FLX=NO
               FDN=NO
PLT=YES
                           AMX=NO
  RUNEYES
                           NITB=YES
READ GEOM
    COM=* Horizontal SS *
   CUBOID 6 1 2P0.31750 2P0.15748 2P31.75
  UNIT 2
COM=* Horizontal Poison *
   CUBOID 4 1 2P3.74396 2P0.0508
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77190 2P0.07876
CUBOID 6 1 2P3.77190 2P0.15746
                                 2P0.07874
                                              2231.115
                                 2P0.15748
  UNIT 3
COM=* Hz Poison Array *
    ARRAY 3
                   -8.49630
                                 -0.15748
  UNIT 4
COM=* Vertical SS *
   CUBOID 6 1 2P0.15748 2P0.31750 2P31.75
  UNIT 5
COM=* Vertical Poison *
   CUBOID 6 1 2P0.05748 2P3.77190
CUBOID 6 1 2P0.15748 2P3.77190
                                 2P3.74396 2P31.08706
                                              2P31.75
  UNIT 6
COM** Vt Poison Array *
   ARRAY 6
                   -0.15748
                                 -8.49630
                                              -31.75
  UNIT 7
   COM=* Fuel Plate *
   CUBOID 1 1 2P3.13690 2P0.02540 2P29.845
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.06350 2P31.2801
   COM+* Gap *
CUBOID 2 1 2P3.30200 2P0.17780 2P31.2801
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.17780 2P31.2801
  UNIT 9
COM=* End Gap *
   CUBOID 2 1 2P3.30200 2P0.08890 2P31.2801
CUBOID 5 1 2P3.77952 2P0.08890 2P31.2801
  UNIT 10
   COM=* UVA Fuel Element
   ARRAY 10
                   -3.77952 -5.3086 -31.28010
  UNIT 11
   CYLINDER
                  1 19.685
                                  2P68.58
                3
   HOLE
                       8.69316
                                     0.0
                                                  31.75
   HOLE
                      -8.69316
                                      0.0
   HOLE
                6
                       0.0
                                      8.69316
                                                  31.75
HOLE
             6
                   0.0
                                 -8.69316
                                             31.75
                                    12.80090
   HOLE
               10
                      3.93701
                                                 32.22
   HOLE
               10
                      -3.93701
                                                 32.22
   HOLE
                      -3.93701
                                    -12.80090
                                                  32.22
   HOLE
               10
                       3.93701
                                    -12.80090
                      11.49606
                                      7.10734
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HOLE 10 -11.49606	7.10734 32.22	FILL 4 5 4 5 4 END FILL
HOLE 10 -11.49606	-7.10734 32.22	ARA=10 NUX=1 NUY=45 NUZ=1
HOLE 10 11.49606	-7.10734 32.22	FILL 9 7 8 20Q2 7 9 END FILL
CYLINDER 6 1 20.32	2P70.485	END ARRAY
CYLINDER 3 1 40.64	90.805 -89.535	READ PLOT
CYLINDER 6 1 41.91	94.615 -92.075	NCH=Õ .@!\+^=`Õ PIC=MIX PLT=YES
GLOBAL		TTL=* X-Y SLICE *
UNIT 12		XUL=-20.0 YUL=20.0 ZUL=34.0
CUBOID 0 1 2P83.8203	114.5003 -41.9101	XLR=20.0 YLR=-20.0 ZLR=34.0
186.6901 -0.0001		UAX=1.0 VDN=-1.0 NAX=130 END
HOLE 11 -41.91	0.0 92.075	NCH=O .@!\+^=`O PIC=MIX PLT=YES
HOLE 11 41.91	0.0 92.075	TTL=* X-Y SLICE *
HOLE 11 0.0	72.59025 92.075	XUL=0.0 YUL=8.87 ZUL=34.0
REPLICATE 2 1 6R30.0 1		XLR=8.87 YLR=0.0 ZLR=34.0
END GEOM		UAX=1.0 VDN=-1.0 NAX=130 END
READ ARRAY		END PLOT
ARA=3 NUX=5 NUY=1 NUZ=3	•	END DATA
FILL 1 2 1 2 1 END FILL		END
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