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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-903-5513.

Sincerely,

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NRC FORM 618 U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSI						ISSION			
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE									
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES									
CERTIFICATE NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	© DOCKET NUMBER	# PACKAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	PAGE		PAGES			
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5.(a) Packaging (continued)

(3) Drawings

The Model No. ES-3100 package is constructed and assembled in accordance with:

- (i) BWXT Y-12, L.L.C., Drawing No. M2E801580A037, Sheets 1 through 6, Rev. A, "Consolidated Assembly Drawing"
- (ii) BWXT Y-12, L.L.C., Drawing No. M2E801580A026, Rev. C, "Heavy Can Spacer Assembly."
- (iii) Equipment Specification JS-YMN3-801580-A001, Rev. E, "ES-3100 Containment Vessel."
- (iv) Equipment Specification JS-YMN3-801580-A002, Rev. D, "ES-3100 Drum Assembly."
- (v) Equipment Specification JS-YMN3-801580-A003, Rev. C, "Manufacturing Process Specification for Casting Kaolite 1600[™] into the ES-3100 Shipping Package."
- (vi) Equipment Specification JS-YMN3-801580-A005, Rev. É, "Casting Catalog No. 277-4 Neutron Absorber for the ES-3100 Shipping Package."
- 5.(b) Contents (Type and form of material, maximum quantity of material per package, and Criticality Safety Index (CSI)).

The weight of the radioactive contents, convenience containers, can lift attachments, polyethylene bags, spacers, and other material in the containment vessel shall not exceed 90 lb. The maximum mass of hydrogenous packaging materials in the containment vessel (e.g., polyethylene containers or bagging, silicone rubber pads, etc.) shall not exceed 500 grams. The maximum content decay heat load shall not exceed 0.4 watts.

The concentration limits of uranium and transuranic constituents shall be the following:

Isotope	Maximum Concentration			
U-232	. 0.040 µg/gUª			
U-233	0.006 g/gU ^ь			
U-234	0.02 g/gU			
U-235	1.00 g/gU			
U-236	0.40 g/gU			
Transuranics (except Np)	40.0 µg/gU			
Np-237	0.003 g/gU			

^a μ g/gU = 10⁻⁶ grams per gram of total uranium

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EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION APPROVAL/REVISION PAGE			JS-YMN3-801580-A005	Ē	. 02-18-05		
			PAGE i of ii	REVISEN MT# ● 10/12/2006			
			BWXT Y-12 L.L.C. BWXT Y-12 L.L.C				
PROJECT TITLE ES-3100 Shipping Package			PLANT BUILDING AREA				
	duction Design Definition		7RCPCA08	Y2003-0328			
SPECIFICATION FOR			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	SSC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			
Casting Catalo	g No. 277-4 Neutron Abso		e ES-3100 Shipping Package NA				
	SIGNATURE	DATE		<u>1998–1998</u> – A.	DATE		
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DISCIPLINE MANAGER	P. Sooter /s/	11 Feb 05					
		REVISION	IS/APPROVALS				
REV. NO.			DESCRIPTION OF REVISION				
A	Issued for Procurement.						
В	Changed the minimum LOD from 25.3% to 30.1% at three locations on page 13 section 4.7.3 and one location on page 23 Form D.						
С	General changes. Went from an off the shelf item to a two part system of boron carbide plus high alumina cement.						
D	General revision. Reforma	tted sections	and attachments. Deleted reference	es to drawing n	umbers.		
E	The mass limits were changed to account for volume tolerances in the 277-4 annulus. Section 3.3.8, Item I, "inner liner" was replaced with "can". A.3.1 was separated into two sections; the second part of A.3.1 became A.3.1.a with the title "Net Count Rate Time Determination". Section A.6.3 was modified by adding "Define the repeatable accuracy for" before the first sentence. JS-YMN3-801580-A005-5 was expanded to include more approval data requirements. A typo was fixed on JS-YMN3-801580-A005-6. Added Rev level to Forms and headers.						
₩	In Section 3.3.9.3, added in reference to table on Form		minimum LOD% table based upon	cured density a	nd made		
PREPARED BY	SIGNATURE	DATE	SIGNATURE PROGRAM MANAGER	······································	DATE		
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Monty L. Goins /s/ 11/07/06		John F DeClue /s/	11/16/06				
	DISCIPLINE MANAGER W. I. North /s/		ouality assurance Vaughn Chase /s/		11-20-2006		
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3.3.9.3 Companion Sample LOD Verification

The companion sample cans identified in Section 3.3.7.b shall be LOD tested. The acceptableLOD

- percent range shall be based upon the companion sample can cured casting density in Section 3.3.9.2. The Acceptable Maximum and Minimum LOD% at Density is given in this table below. This table was
- developed from data in DAC-PKG-801624-A001, Table 7.

Acceptable Maximum and Minimum							
LOD% at Density							
Density	Maximum	Minimum					
(lb/ft^3)	LOD%	LOD%					
100	311.80%	28.61%					
101	32.47%	28.33%					
102	33.12%	28.06%					
103	33.77%	27.79%					
104	34.40%	27.52%					
105	35.03%	27.26%					
106	35.64%	27.00%					
107	36.25%	26.75%					
108	36.84%	26.50%					
109	37.42%	26.25%					
110	37.99%	26.01%					
111	3,8.56%	25.78%					
112	39.11%	25.55%					
113	39.65%	25.32%					
114	40.18%	25.10%					
115	40.70%	24.88%					
116	41.21%	24.66%					
117	41.71%	24.45%					
118	42.20%	24.25%					
119	42.68%	24.05%					
120	43.15%	23.85%					

a. The lid shall have the serial number permanently transferred by vibro etch or other method.

The lid shall have a small vent hole in it. It is recommended that a nail be used to punch a hole 0.12 ± 0.06 in. diameter in the metal lid from the inside surface of the lid.

- c. Match the can serial numbers and place the lid on the can.
- d. The weight of the can shall be recorded on Form F.
- e. The cans shall be placed in an oven at $1500\pm150^{\circ}F$ (800°C) for 4 hours.
- f. The weight of the can shall be recorded on Form F with the can temperature not below 100°F.
- g. Calculate the LOD% using the equation below and record it on Form F. Due to can oxidizing and gaining weight during the heating cycle, a 0.024 lb correction factor is included in the following LOD% calculation.

$$LOD\% = \left[1 - \frac{(LODWeight - Empty - 0.024lb)}{(Cured \& Clean - Empty)}\right] \times 100\%$$

Verify that the LOD% is within the acceptable range. If water content is outside the acceptable range, a copy of the form shall be sent to the Company.

b.

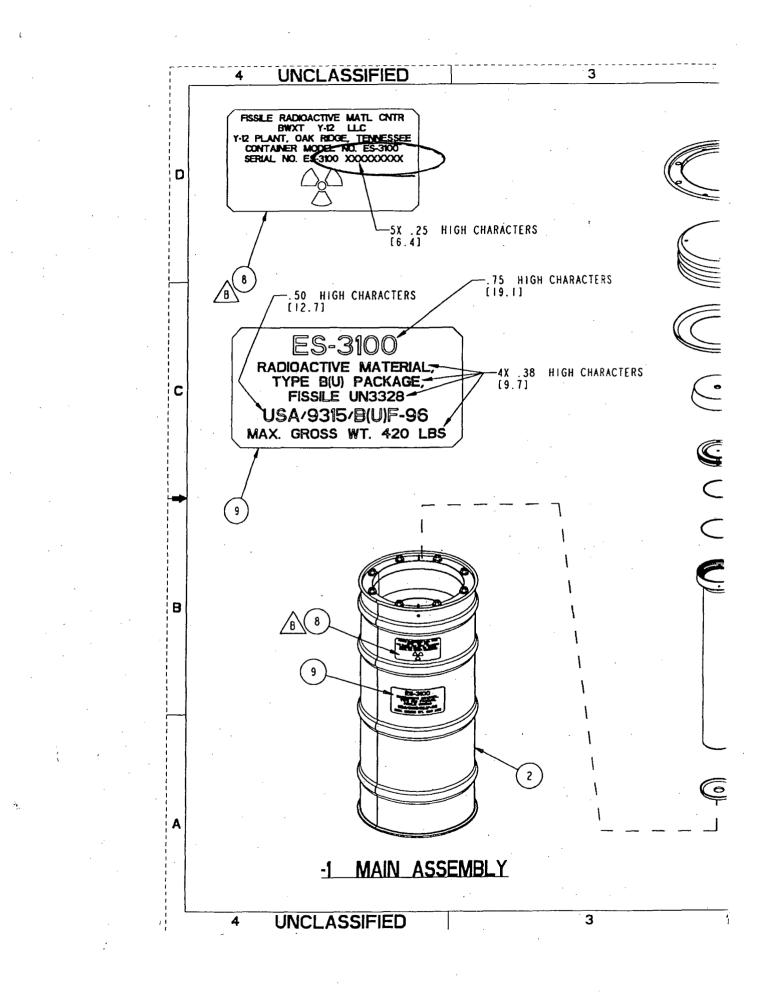
Casting Comp	any Name	Ave. 10 Can and	Lid Empty Weight	Ave. 10 Ca	an and Lid Water	Wgt. ^a Temp (°F)	. of Water Weight	Drawing Number M2E80158	DA026
Serial Numbers		Can Measurement Weights ±0.01 (lb)		For Record Loss On Drying Only (Odd Serial Numbered Cans)			PGNAA (Even Serial Numbered Cans)		
Part # or Can Lot#	Companion Sample Can ^a	After Casting Weight	Cured Weight	LOD Weight	Cured Density (lb/ft ³)	Calculated LOD%	. Pass Or Fail per Sec. 3.3.9.3	PGNAA (PMN) °	Pass Or Fail
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a For the same lot of sample cans, it is acceptable to use an average weight of ten can bodies and ten can lids. b Recommended vibration settings are at 450 VPM and three times the total vibrated weight. The total vibrated weight is the finish cast part and fixtures weight, for a setting of approximately 5 pound-force. c Record the PGNAA Measurement Number (PMN) from Form AD for each Companion Sample Can tested.									
$Density = \left(\frac{Cured - Empty}{WithWater - Empty}\right) \times 62.3 \text{ lb/ft}^{3}$ $LOD\% = \left[1 - \frac{(LODWeight - Empty - 0.024)}{(Cured \& Clean - Empty)}\right] \times 100\%$									

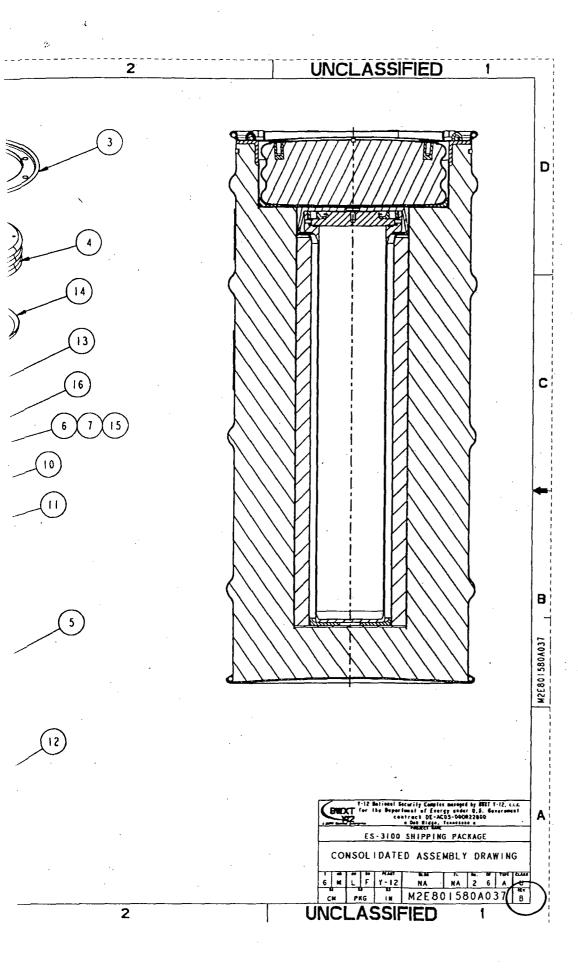
FORM F ES-3100 Companion Sample Casting Control and Tests

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