

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES**

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2. PREAMBLE

- a. This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."
- b. This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

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| a. ISSUED TO (<i>Name and Address</i>)
Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC
P.O. Box 780
Wilmington, NC 28402 | b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION
Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC, application dated
March 31, 2004, as supplemented. |
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4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

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(a) Packaging

(1) Model No.: RAJ-II

(2) Description

The RAJ-II package is a rectangular box that is 742 mm (29.21 in) high by 720 mm (28.35 in) wide by 5,068 mm (199.53 in) long to transport a maximum of two Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) fuel assemblies or individual rods that meet the ASTM C996-96 standard of enriched commercial grade uranium, enriched reprocessed uranium, uranium oxide generic pressurized water reactor (PWR) or uranium carbide loose fuel rods in a 5 inch diameter stainless steel pipe.

It is comprised of one inner container and one outer container both made of stainless steel. The inner container is comprised of a double-wall stainless steel sheet structure with alumina silicate thermal insulator filling the gap between the two walls to reduce the flow of the heat into the contents in the event of a fire. Foam polyethylene cushioning material is placed on the inside of the inner container for protection of the fuel assembly. The outer container is comprised of a stainless steel angular framework covered with stainless steel plates. Inner container clamps are installed inside the outer container with a vibro-isolating device between to alleviate vibration occurring during transportation. Wood and honeycomb resin impregnated kraft paper are placed as shock absorbers to reduce shock in the event of a drop of the package. The fuel rod clad and ceramic nature of the fuel pellets provide primary containment of the radioactive material.

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The approximate dimensions and weights of the package are as follows:

Maximum gross shipping weight	1,614 kg (3,558 lbs)
Maximum weight of inner container	308 kg (679 lbs)
Maximum weight of outer container	622 kg (1,371 lbs)
Maximum weight of packaging	930 kg (2,050 lbs)
Dimensions of inner container	
Length	4,686 mm (184.49 in)
Width	459 mm (18.07 in)
Height	286 mm (11.26 in)
Dimensions of outer container	
Length	5,068 mm (199.53 in)
Width	720 mm (28.35 in)
Height	742 mm (29.21 in)

(3) Drawings

This packaging is constructed in accordance with the Global Nuclear Fuel (GNF) Drawing Nos.:

<u>Outer Container Drawings</u>	<u>Inner Container Drawings</u>	<u>Contents Containers</u>
105E3737, Rev. 6	105E3745, Rev. 8	105E3773, Rev. 1
105E3738, Rev. 7	105E3746, Rev. 1	0028B98, Rev. 1
105E3739, Rev. 4	105E3747, Rev. 4	
105E3740, Rev. 4	105E3748, Rev. 2	
105E3741, Rev. 1	105E3749, Rev. 6	
105E3742, Rev. 3		
105E3743, Rev. 4		
105E3744, Rev. 5		

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(b) Contents

(1) Type and form of material

Enriched commercial grade uranium or enriched reprocessed uranium, as defined in ASTM C996-96, uranium oxide or uranium carbide fuel rods enriched to no more than 5.0 weight percent in the U-235 isotope, with limits specified in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

Table 1: Maximum weight of uranium dioxide pellets per fuel assembly

Type 8x8 fuel assembly	Type 9x9 fuel assembly	Type 10x10 fuel assembly
235 kg	240 kg	275 kg

Table 2: Maximum Authorized Concentrations

Isotope	Maximum content
U-232	2.00×10^{-9} g/gU
U-234	2.00×10^{-3} g/gU
U-235	5.00×10^{-2} g/gU
U-236	2.50×10^{-2} g/gU
Np-237	1.66×10^{-6} g/gU
Pu-238	6.20×10^{-11} g/gU
Pu-239	3.04×10^{-9} g/gU
Pu-240	3.04×10^{-9} g/gU
Gamma Emitters	5.18×10^5 MeV - Bq/kgU

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- (i) 8 x 8 fuel assemblies comprised of 60 to 64 rods in a square array with a maximum active fuel rod length of 381 cm. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, rod pitch, water rod specifications, and poison rod specification are in accordance with Table 3 below.
- (ii) 9 x 9 fuel assemblies comprised of 72 to 81 rods in a square array with a maximum active fuel rod length of 381 cm. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, rod pitch, water rod specifications, and poison rod specification are in accordance with Table 3 below.
- (iii) 10 x 10 fuel assemblies comprised of 91 to 100 rods in a square array with a maximum active fuel rod length of 385 cm. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, rod pitch, water rod specifications, and poison rod specification are in accordance with Table 3 below.
- (iv) Oxide fuel rods configured loose, in a 5 inch diameter schedule 40 stainless steel pipe/protective case or strapped together. When fuel rods are placed in polyethylene sleeves, each polyethylene sleeve shall not exceed 0.0152 cm in thickness. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, and rod specifications are in accordance with Table 4 below.
- (v) Uranium carbide or generic PWR uranium oxide fuel rods configured loose, in a 5 inch diameter schedule 40 stainless steel pipe. When fuel rods are placed in polyethylene sleeves, each polyethylene sleeve shall not exceed 0.0152 cm in thickness. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, and rod specifications are in accordance with Table 4 below.

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Table 3: Fuel Assembly Parameters

Parameter	Units	Type	Type	Type	Type
Fuel Assembly Type	Rods	8x8	9x9	FANP 10x10	GNF 10x10
UO ₂ Density		≤98% Theoretical	≤98% Theoretical	≤98% Theoretical	≤98% Theoretical
Number of water rods (See Condition 8)	#	0, 2x2	0, 2-2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3	0, 2-2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3	0, 2-2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3
Number of fuel rods	#	60 - 64	72 - 81	91 - 100	91 - 100
Fuel Rod OD	cm	≥1.176	≥1.093	≥1.000	≥1.010
Fuel Pellet OD	cm	≤1.05	≤0.96	≤0.895	≤0.895
Cladding Type		Zirconium Alloy	Zirconium Alloy	Zirconium Alloy	Zirconium Alloy
Cladding ID	cm	≤1.10	≤1.02	≤0.933	≤0.934
Cladding Thickness	cm	≥0.038	≥0.036	≥0.033	≥0.038
Active fuel length	cm	≤381	≤381	≤385	≤385
Fuel Rod Pitch	cm	≤1.692	≤1.51	≤1.350	≤1.350
U-235 Pellet Enrichment	wt%	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0
Maximum Lattice Average Enrichment	wt%	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0
Channel Thickness ^a	cm	0.17 - 0.3048	0.17 - 0.3048	0.17 - 0.3048	0.17 - 0.3048
Partial Length Fuel Rods (1/3 through 2/3 normal length)	Max #	None	12	14	14
Gadolinia Requirements Lattice Average Enrichment ^b	# @ wt% Gd ₂ O ₃	7 @ 2 wt % 6 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % None None None	10 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 6 @ 2 wt % 6 @ 2 wt % 6 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % None None None	12 @ 2 wt % 12 @ 2 wt % 10 @ 2 wt % 9 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 6 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % None None None	12 @ 2 wt % 12 @ 2 wt % 10 @ 2 wt % 9 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 8 @ 2 wt % 6 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 4 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % 2 @ 2 wt % None None None
Polyethylene Equivalent Mass (Maximum per Assembly) ^c	kg	11	11	10.2	10.2

- a. Transport with or without channels is acceptable
- b. Required gadolinia rods must be distributed symmetrically about the major diagonal
- c. Polyethylene equivalent mass calculation (refer to 6.3.2.2 of the application)

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Table 4: Fuel Rod Parameters

Parameter	Units	Type					
		8x8 ⁽¹⁾ (UO ₂)	9x9 ⁽¹⁾ (UO ₂)	10x10 ⁽¹⁾ (UO ₂)	CANDU-14 (UC)	CANDU-25 (UC)	Generic PWR (UO ₂)
Fuel Assembly Type		<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical
UO ₂ or UC Fuel Density		<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical
Fuel rod OD	cm	≥1.10	≥1.02	≥1.00	≥1.340	≥0.996	≥1.118
Fuel Pellet OD	cm	≤1.05	≤0.96	≤0.90	≤1.254	≤0.950	≤0.98
Cladding Type		Zirc. Alloy	Zirc. Alloy	Zirc. Alloy	Zirc. Alloy or SS	Zirc. Alloy or SS	Zirc. Alloy or SS
Cladding ID	cm	≤1.10	≤1.02	≤1.00	≤1.267	≤0.951	≤1.004
Cladding Thickness	cm	≥0.038	≥0.036	≥0.038	≥0.033	≥0.033	≥0.033
Active fuel Length	cm	≤381	≤381	≤385	≤47.752	≤40.013	≤450
Maximum U-235 Pellet Enrichment	wt. %	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0
Maximum Average fuel rod Enrichment	wt. %	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0
Loose Rod Configuration							
Freely Loose		≤25	≤25	≤25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Packed in 5" SS Pipe or Protective Case ⁽³⁾		≤22	≤26	≤30	≤74 ⁽²⁾	≤130 ⁽²⁾	≤105 ⁽²⁾
Strapped Together		≤25	≤25	≤25	N/A	N/A	N/A

⁽¹⁾ Previous analysis (Ref. 1) based on most conservative loose rod configuration (i.e., no credit taken for 5" SS pipe)

⁽²⁾ Including partial rods (in reality, apply dense packing of congruent rods in the pipe) and only in 5" SS pipes

⁽³⁾ Protective case consists of SS box with lid

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5.(b)(2) Maximum quantity of material per package

Total weight of payload contents (fuel assemblies, or fuel rods and rod shipping containers) not to exceed 684 kg (1508 pounds).

(i) For the contents described in 5(b)(1)(i), 5(b)(1)(ii), and 5(b)(1)(iii): two fuel assemblies.

(ii) For the contents described in 5(b)(1)(iv) and 5(b)(1)(v): allowable number of fuel rods per compartment (2 compartments per package).

(c) Criticality Safety Index, except for contents described in 5(b)(1)(v) and limited in 5(b)(2)(ii) 1.0

Criticality Safety Index for contents described in 5(b)(1)(v) and limited in 5(b)(2)(ii) 2.1

6. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:

(a) The package shall be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the Package Operations of Chapter 7 of the application, as supplemented.

(b) The packaging must meet the Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program of Chapter 8 of the application, as supplemented.

(c) Prior to each shipment, the stainless steel components of the packaging must be visually inspected. Packages in which stainless steel components show pitting corrosion, cracking, or pinholes are not authorized for transport.

(d) If wrapping is used on the unirradiated fuel assemblies, the ends must be assured to be open during the shipment in the package.

7. Cluster separators are optional and may be comprised of polyethylene or other plastics. Polyethylene or plastic mass limits shall be determined in accordance with Section 6.3.2.2 (Material Specifications) of the application, as supplemented.

8. Water rods are limited as shown in Table 3 above.

For 8 x 8 fuel assembly designs, there can be either 0 or 1 water rod, and the water rod location occupies a space equivalent to 2 x 2 fuel rods. This is designated as 0, 2 x 2 in the table.

For 9 x 9 and 10 x 10 fuel assembly designs, there can be either 0, 1, or 2 water rods in the assembly, and the water rod location occupies a space equivalent to (a) two 2 x 2 fuel rod equivalent spaces on a diagonal at the center of the assembly, or (b) one 3 x 3 fuel rod equivalent

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space (9 fuel rods space) in the center of the assembly. These configurations are designated as 0, 2 - 2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3 in the table.

9. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.
10. Transport by air of fissile material is not authorized.
11. Revision No. 6 of this certificate may be used until May 31, 2009.
12. Expiration date: November 30, 2009.

REFERENCES

Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC, application dated March 31, 2004.

Supplement dated: April 22, September 3, September 16, October 28, November 8 and 29, 2004; and April 8, May 25, June 6, August 3, 2005; and January 27, 2006; and February 16 and April 21, 2006; and June 12, July 11, November 8, 2007, February 29, March 14, and March 20, 2008.

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