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Mr. Eric J. Brenner
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Dear Mr. Brenner:

The U. S. Department of Energy requests renewal of the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR) fresh fuel shipping container, USA/9099/B(U)F-85, Revision 10, Docket Number 71-9099. The ATR packaging is used by the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) for approximately two shipping campaigns each year to deliver fresh (unirradiated) nuclear fuel from the fuel fabricator, BWX Technologies, Inc., in Lynchburg, VA, via the National Security Administration safe, secure transportation trailers. Due to the age of the 9099 package, a number of recently certified replacement packaging USA/9330/AF-96, are being fabricated and will be phased into use. Therefore, continued operation of the ATR requires continued certification of the 9099 package to ensure uninterrupted delivery of fresh fuel.

The ATR Fresh Fuel Shipping Container Safety Analysis Report, INEL-94/2075, January 27, 1999 as supplemented by Revision 6, March 28, 2003, is unchanged since the date on the current CoC, Revision 10, issued December 30, 2003.

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

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