

August 15, 2013

Mr. Ahmad M. Al-Daouk, Director  
Office of Packaging and Transportation  
U.S. Department of Energy  
National Nuclear Security Administration  
P.O. Box 5400  
Albuquerque, NM 87185

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR THE MODEL NO. 435-B TRANSPORT PACKAGE –  
ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. L24741)

Dear Mr. Al-Daouk:

By letters dated April 18, 2013, and July 25, 2013, you submitted an application for approval of Certificate of Compliance No. 9355, for the Model No. 435-B transport package. The application proposes authorization of the 435-B package as a Type B(U)-96 shipping container to transport radioactive sealed sources in the Long Term Storage Shield (LTSS) or shielded devices containing sealed sources. The application states that the LTSS may transport beta sources, gamma sources, and very small neutron sources. The package is designed with a leak tight containment that can be transported singly by air, ground, or water in non-exclusive use.

Staff performed an acceptance review of your application to determine if the application contains sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the staff to complete a detailed technical review. With the addition of the information supplied on July 25, 2013, the application appears to contain the information needed for our technical review.

We have established a schedule for the review. The schedule allows for the staff to complete its technical review and issue the first request for additional information (RAI) in early November 2013 and, if a second RAI is not needed, a certificate of compliance in April 2014, based on you responding to the first RAI in early January 2014. In general, no additional changes to the application should be submitted except for changes resulting from your response to an RAI.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 287-9185.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Norma Garcia-Santos, Project Manager  
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