UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM TO: Lydia Chang, Chief
Environmental Review Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards and Environmental Review
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

FROM: Michele Sampson, Chief **/RA/**
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Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE TRUPACT-III REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR PLUTONIUM SHIPMENTS (TAC NO. L24885)

The Division of Spent Fuel Management (SFM), Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), requests technical assistance from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards and Environmental Review (FCSE), NMSS, for the completion of the following project:

PROJECT: Prepare an environmental assessment for the proposed exemption for the Model No. TRUPACT-III package from the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 71.61, "Special Requirements For Type B Packages Containing More Than $10^5 A_2$."

Docket No:	71-9305
TAC No:	L24885
Certificate of Compliance No.:	9305

REQUESTED ACTION: Please review the Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC, exemption request dated January 14, 2014, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14035A106) and the associated environmental report dated March 19, 2015, (ADAMS Accession No. ML15071A022) and prepare an environmental assessment. To facilitate this request, we ask that you respond by April 30, 2015, with the goal of providing the final EA for this action by October 30, 2015. Should any additional information be needed from the applicant to support your review, we ask that you transmit a draft request for additional information to us by May 29, 2015. The applicant will normally be allowed two months to provide a response. The SFM project manager will keep your staff informed of any schedule changes.

Please provide the information requested below and return a completed copy to the SFM Project Manager designated below.

Name of NMSS/FCSE/ERB assigned Reviewer: _____
NMSS/FCSE/ERB Project Completion Date: _____
NMSS/FCSE/ERB Branch Chief Signature: _____
Contact: Bernard White (301) 415-6577

The above TAC No. should be referenced in future correspondence related to this request and in the Human Resources Management System for recording staff time expended on this effort.

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ADAMS Accession No.: ML15085A130

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