



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

December 2, 2015

Ms. Sherry J. Davis
Director, ESOH Department
Acquisition, Finance, & Logistics
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 6201
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201

SUBJECT: QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL PACKAGES NO. 0958, REVISION 0

Dear Ms. Davis:

Enclosed is the Quality Assurance (QA) Program Approval for Radioactive Material Packages No. 0958, Revision No. 0, in response to your letter dated July 29, 2015 (ML15259A019) and supplemented by your letter dated October 23, 2015 (ML15320A345). This Approval satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR 71.17(b) and 71.101(c) for a QA Program approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

On June 12, 2015, a final rulemaking was issued to amend 10 CFR Part 71 regulations, which became effective on July 13, 2015. Among the changes made was an update to the administrative procedures for the quality assurance program requirements described in 10 CFR Part 71, Subpart H. Specifically, 10 CFR 71.38 was amended to remove the requirements for renewal of QA Program Approvals, and 10 CFR 71.106 was added to establish requirements that apply to changes to quality assurance programs.

Previously, all changes made to QA Programs had to be prior reviewed and approved by the NRC before they could be implemented. The new regulations in 10 CFR 71.106 allow changes to QA Programs that do not reduce commitments, such as those that involve administrative improvements and clarifications and editorial changes, to be made and implemented without prior NRC approval. QA Program Approval holders are required to receive NRC approval before implementing changes to their QA Program that will reduce their commitments to the NRC.

Since there is no longer an expiration date for a QA Program Approval, the NRC is issuing you the enclosed approval without an expiration date. In addition, 10 CFR 71.106 requires that changes to your QA Program that do not reduce commitments must be submitted to the NRC every 24-months, with the reporting period starting on the date your enclosed approval was signed. Further background information regarding these changes is contained in the Federal Register Notice associated with this rulemaking, which can be found by using the following link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-12/pdf/2015-14212.pdf>

S. Davis

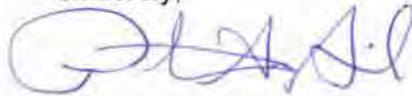
- 2 -

Termination of your materials license does not cause the enclosed Approval to be automatically terminated. If you wish to amend your QA Program and have determined it reduces commitments, or terminate the enclosed Approval, please request it in writing.

This letter also serves as a reminder that if you are using or planning to use an NRC-approved packaging, you must be registered for use of that packaging with NRC. Registration for use of NRC-approved packagings should be made pursuant to 10 CFR 71.17(c)(3).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-7399 or Jeremy Tapp at 301-415-8047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Silva', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Patricia Silva, Chief
Inspections and Operations Branch
Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No.: 71-0958

Enclosure: QA Program Approval No. 71-0958, Revision 0

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM APPROVAL
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 71, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made in Item 4 by the organization named in Item 2, the Quality Assurance Program identified in Item 4 is hereby approved. This approval is issued to satisfy the requirements of Section 71.101 of 10 CFR Part 71. This approval is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

2. NAME

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

STREET ADDRESS

8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 6201

CITY

Fort Belvoir

STATE

VA

ZIP CODE

22060-6201

3. DOCKET NUMBER

71-0958

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION DATE(S)

July 29, 2015

5. CONDITIONS

1. Activities authorized by this approval: procurement, maintenance, repair, and use are to be executed with regard to transportation packagings. All other activities (i.e., design, fabrication, assembly, testing, and modification) shall be satisfied by obtaining certifications from packaging suppliers that these activities were conducted in accordance with an NRC-approved Quality Assurance Program. It shall remain the responsibility of the Quality Assurance Program holder that all transportation activities meet the requirements of 10 CFR 71.101.

2. Records shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 71. Specifically:

a. Records of each shipment of licensed material shall be maintained for 3 years after that shipment [10 CFR 71.91(a)].

b. Records providing evidence of packaging quality shall be maintained for 3 years after the life of the packaging [10 CFR 71.91(d)].

c. Records describing activities affecting packaging quality shall be maintained for 3 years after this Quality Assurance Program Approval is terminated [10 CFR 71.135].

3. Planned and periodic audits of all aspects of the Quality Assurance Program shall be conducted in accordance with written procedures or checklists, by appropriately trained personnel not having direct responsibility in the areas being audited, in accordance with 10 CFR 71.137.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

SIGNATURE



DATE

12/2/15

PATRICIA SILVA, CHIEF

INSPECTIONS AND OPERATIONS BRANCH
DIVISION OF SPENT FUEL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS