

February 22, 2017

Mr. Scott P. Murray
Facility Licensing Manager
GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC
3901 Castle Hayne Road
Wilmington, NC 28401

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NO. 9228
FOR THE MODEL NO. 2000 PACKAGE – REVIEW SUSPENDED**

Dear Mr. Murray:

By letter dated April 28, 2016, you requested renewal and amendment to Certificate of Compliance No. 9228 for the Model No. 2000 package. The amendment request sought to add a High Performance Insert; remove and modify existing contents (including Cobalt-60 contents); add licensing drawings; and other miscellaneous changes. On August 17, 2016, staff issued a letter requesting additional information related to the review of your amendment request (ML16235A154). During a telephone conversation on January 4, 2017 (ML17047A543), you indicated that May, 2016, is the earliest date by which the responses to the request for information would be provided. Therefore, the NRC will suspend its review of your application in order to prevent additional hours accruing to the cost activity code (CAC) assigned to your case. Once your responses to our additional information request are received, the reviewers originally assigned to your request will resume their review from the point at which the additional information request was issued.

In circumstances such as these, our division office instruction (ML102420469) allows the NRC to terminate the case. However, the NRC is not terminating the amendment request because your application, which corrects deficiencies in the use of an optional shield liner and potentially safety significant issues pertaining to the shielding evaluation for package contents below 600 watts, is tied to a renewal request. Since Certificate of Compliance No. 9228 is in timely renewal in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 71.37(b), taking a final action to terminate the amendment would also terminate the renewal request. Nevertheless, if responses to the NRC's request for additional information are not provided by June 30, 2017, the NRC will consider terminating its review of your April 28, 2016, renewal and amendment request resulting in termination of Certificate of Compliance No. 9228. If the renewal and amendment request review is terminated, a complete application for a new certificate of compliance for the 2000 package would need to be submitted.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be contacted at (301) 415-6877.

Sincerely,

/RA B. H. White Acting for/

John McKirgan, Branch Chief
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