

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

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Nuclear Containers, Inc. ATTN: Mr. William R. Housholder P. O. Box 1080 Elizabethton, TN 37643

Gentlemen:

This refers to your application dated March 22, 1978, requesting approval of your proposed quality assurance program in accordance with 10 CFR \$71.51. Because this program was filed before January 1, 1979, 10 CFR \$71.51(a) authorized your existing quality assurance program until the acceptability of the March 22 program has been finally determined by the Commission.

On October 9, 1979, we completed our request for additional information concerning your March 22, 1978 application and provided guidance for developing a quality assurance program. A response was requested within thirty (30) days. On July 3, 1980, you were advised of your failure to respond to our October 9 letter.

Unless we receive the requested information within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, we plan to issue a denial of your quality assurance program application.

Sincerely,

Charles E. MacDonald, Chief Transportation Certification Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety

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