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10 CFR PART 71 QA PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY LICENSEES

1. ORGANIZATION

The final responsibility for the Quality Assurance (QA) Program for Part 71 Requirements rests with Northwest Inspection & Testing Services, Inc. Design and fabrication shall not be conducted under this QA Program. The QA Program is implemented using the following organization.

The Radiation Safety Officer is responsible for overall administration of the program, training and certification, document control and auditing.

The Radiographer or Radiographers Assistant are responsible for handling, storing, shipping, inspection, test and operating status, and record keeping.

2. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The management of Northwest Inspection & Testing Services, Inc. establishes and implements this QA Program. Training, prior to engagement, for all QA functions is required according to written procedures. QA Program revisions will be made according to written procedures with management approval. The QA Program will ensure that all defined QA procedures, engineering procedures, and specific provisions of the packaging design approval are satisfied. The QA program will emphasize control of the characteristics of the package which are critical to safety.

The Radiation Safety Officer shall assure that all radioactive material shipping packages are designed and manufactured under a QA Program approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for all packages designed or fabricated after January 1, 1979. This requirement will be satisfied by receiving a certification to this effect from the manufacturer or supplier of the package.

3. DOCUMENT CONTROL

All documents related to a specific shipping package will be controlled through the use of written procedures. All document changes will be performed according to written procedures and approved by management.

The Radiation Safety Officer shall assure all QA functions are conducted in accordance with the latest applicable changes to these documents.

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4. HANDLING, STORAGE AND SHIPPING

Written safety procedures concerning the handling, storage, and shipping of packages for radioactive material will be followed. Shipments will not be made unless all tests, certifications, acceptances, and final inspections have been completed. Work instructions will be provided for handling, storage, and shipping operations.

5. INSPECTION, TEST, AND OPERATING STATUS

Inspection, test, and operating status of packages for radioactive material will be indicated and controlled by written procedures. Status will be indicated by tag, label, marking, or log entry. Status of nonconforming parts or packages will be positively maintained by written procedures.

6. QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORDS

Records of package approvals (including references and drawings), procurement, inspections, tests, operating logs, audit results, and records of shipments will be maintained. Descriptions of equipment, written procedures, and records of personnel training and qualifications will be retained for three years beyond the date activity, for which this QA Program was developed, ends.

These records, will be maintained to accordance with written procedures. The records will be identified and retrievable. A list of these records, with their storage locations, will be maintained by Northwest Inspection and Testing Service, Inc.

7. AUDITS

Established schedules of audits of the QA program will be performed using written check lists. Results of audits will be maintained and reported to management. Audit reports will be evaluated and deficient areas corrected. The audits will be dependent on the safety significance of the activity being audited, but each activity will be audited at least once per year. Audit reports will be maintained as part of the quality assurance records. Members of the audit team shall have no responsibility in the activity being audited.