

January 20, 2012

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR LIMITED CONTINUED USE OF THE MODEL NOS.  
100 and 1500 PACKAGES, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NOS.  
5926 and 5939

Dear Mr. Krause:

By letters dated December 5, 2011, sent to Document Control Desk on December 22, 2011, and entered in ADAMS under ML11357A214 and ML11357A215 respectively, you requested an extension to the Authorization for limited continued use of the Model Nos. 100 and 1500 Type B packages from December 30, 2011, to December 30, 2012.

This letter is to advise you that, based on our understanding of the certification and fabrication schedule of the Model No. AOS-100 package, staff does not intend at this time to authorize extensions beyond June 30, 2012. The Model No. AOS-100 package has been identified by GE as the replacement package for the Model Nos. GE-100 and GE-1500 packages since January 16, 2009. Therefore, NRC will review your application for limited continued use of these two models only up to June 30, 2012.

The limited authorization to use expired packages should be granted only as the last alternative for critical shipments when all other reasonable attempts have been made to secure a certified replacement package. Any request for authorizing the extension of an expired package beyond June 30, 2012, will be considered on a case by case basis and only for specific shipment needs. Such request should be submitted to NRC for further consideration as a separate and substantiated application.

If GE or any other entity intends to make such request, the applicant should request a public meeting with NRC staff before the end of March 2012, and explain:

- (i) specific shipment needs and critical schedules beyond June 30, 2012,
- (ii) the good faith efforts undertaken since 2008 to acquire a replacement package, and
- (iii) additional compensatory measures that may be required for extending any approval.

NRC staff will consider this information in its acceptance review of any future applications to extend authorizations for limited shipments beyond June 30, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Pierre Saverot at (301) 492-3408.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Michael D. Waters, Chief  
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