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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20852

Dear Sir:

This letter is in regards to Docket No. 71-9355. The purpose of this letter is to submit National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) request for the certification of the 435-B Transport Package supported by the enclosed *435-B Transport Package Safety Analysis Report (435-B SAR)*, Revision 0 dated March 2013.

The NNSA is responsible for the safe, secure and expeditious transportation of materials of national security interest in support of U.S. nuclear weapons and nonproliferation programs. Once certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) the 435-B Transport Package will be used by NNSA to perform its Offsite Source Recovery Program (OSRP) mission, and will enable NNSA's OSRP to improve its source recovery capabilities. Therefore, NNSA requests that NRC perform an expeditious review of the 435-B SAR, and requests a certificate of compliance as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in regards to this application you can contact me at (505) 845-4607, or your staff can contact Max Barela at (505) 845-5902.

Sincerely,

Ahmad M. Al-Daouk, Director
NNSA Office of Packaging and Transportation

Enclosures:

435-B Transport Package Safety Analysis Report, Revision 0, March 2013 (Paper copy)
435-B Transport Package Safety Analysis Report, Revision 0, March 2013 (CD copy)

cc w/o enclosure:

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