

March 3, 1997

Mr. David J. Vigne
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Dear Mr. Vigne:

We have received your letter dated November 15, 1996, in which you requested renewal of your Quality Assurance (QA) Approval for Radioactive Material Packages No. 0444, Revision No. 3. Please note that, with your request, your QA Program Approval is under timely renewal and you may continue your transportation activities in accordance with your current QA program.

We delayed responding to your letter because the regulations are going to change in the near future. Therefore, we are not issuing Certificates of Approval for renewal of QA Programs as in the past, at this time, for Part 34 licensees. Specifically, 10 CFR Part 34, "Licenses for Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Radiographic Operations," has been revised and will be effective later this year. The revised 10 CFR Part 34 will include the requirements for QA activities such as procurement, use, maintenance, and repair of Type B packages (i.e., radiography cameras or overpacks) designed to transport sealed sources used for radiography. The need to apply separately for an NRC QA program approval will no longer be required after the revised 10 CFR Part 34 has been implemented.

There is no need for you to respond to this letter. NRC will contact you when the revised 10 CFR Part 34 has been issued. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Mr. T. Matula of my staff at (301) 415-8563.

Sincerely,

Original /s/ by:

John P. Jankovich, Chief
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Spent Fuel Project Office, NMSS

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