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Dear Mr. Wangler:

This refers to your application dated October 30, 1995, requesting amendment of Certificate of Compliance No. 9932 for the Model No. UC-609 package.

In connection with our review, we need the information identified in the enclosure to this letter.

Please advise us within 30 days from the date of this letter when this information will be provided. Additional information requested by this letter should be submitted in the form of revised pages. If you have any questions regarding this matter, we would be pleased to meet with you and your staff. Bernard White is the project manager for our review of your application. Mr. White may be contacted at (301) 415-8515.

Sincerely,

Original /s/ by:

Cass R. Chappell, Chief
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Docket No.: 71-9932

Enclosure: As stated

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1. The NRC packaging and transportation regulations (10 CFR Part 71) were revised effective April 1, 1996. The revised regulations place some limitations on future use, modification, and fabrication of packages that do not have the designation "-25" (see 10 CFR §71.13). Since your application was pending at the time of the rule change, you may choose to request that the package be designated "-85" by revising your application to address the revised requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.
2. The application contains 34 fabrication drawings. The drawings show many details and dimensions which are not important to safety. The application should be revised to include a smaller number of engineering drawings that are suitable for reference in a Certificate of Compliance. The drawings should show the general arrangement of the package, its principle features, and the design of safety related components. The drawings should contain the following information:
 - a. dimensions and tolerances important to safety,
 - b. materials of construction,
 - c. applicable codes or standards for fabrication of safety-related components,
 - d. size, type, and location of safety related welds and methods of nondestructive examination,
 - e. torque requirements for closure bolts and other threaded devices,
 - f. total weight of the package, and
 - g. location of the tamper indication feature.