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COMPETENT AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION FOR A TYPE B(U)F FISSILE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS PACKAGE DESIGN CERTIFICATE USA/9309/B(U)F-96, REVISION 4

This certifies that the radioactive material package design described has been certified by the Competent Authority of the United States as meeting the regulatory requirements for a Type B(U)F packaging for fissile radioactive material as prescribed in the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency[1] and the United States of America[2].

1. Package Identification - RAJ-II.

2. Package Description and Authorized Radioactive Contents - as described in U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance No. 9309, Revision 9 (attached).

3. Criticality - The minimum criticality safety index is as assigned in the NRC certificate. The maximum number of packages per conveyance is determined in accordance with Table X of the IAEA regulations cited in this certificate.

4. General Conditions -

   a. Each user of this certificate must have in his possession a copy of this certificate and all documents necessary to properly prepare the package for transportation. The user shall prepare the package for shipment in accordance with the documentation and applicable regulations.

   b. Each user of this certificate, other than the original petitioner, shall register his identity in writing to the Office of Hazardous Materials Technology, (PHH-23), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C. 20590-0001.

   c. This certificate does not relieve any consignor or carrier from compliance with any requirement of the Government of any country through or into which the package is to be transported.

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[1] "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 1996 Edition (Revised), No. TS-R-1 (ST-1, Revised)," published by the International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA), Vienna, Austria.

[2] Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 100-199, United States of America.

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d. This certificate provides no relief from the limitations for transportation of plutonium by air in the United States as cited in the regulations of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 10 CFR 71.88.

e. Records of Quality Assurance activities required by Paragraph 310 of the IAEA regulations[1] shall be maintained and made available to the authorized officials for at least three years after the last shipment authorized by this certificate. Consignors in the United States exporting shipments under this certificate shall satisfy the applicable requirements of Subpart H of 10 CFR 71.

5. Special Condition - Transport of fissile material by air is not authorized.

6. Marking and Labeling - The package shall bear the marking USA/9309/B(U)F-96 in addition to other required markings and labeling.

7. Expiration Date - This certificate expires on November 30, 2014. On August 31, 2010, this certificate supersedes all previous revisions of USA/9309/B(U)F-96.

This certificate is issued in accordance with paragraph 814 of the IAEA Regulations and Section 173.471 and 173.472 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in response to the August 31, 2009 petition by Global Nuclear Fuels - Americas, Wilmington, NC, and in consideration of other information on file in this Office.

Certified By:

Sep 02 2009

Robert A. Richard (DATE)
Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Revision 4 - Issued to endorse U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance No. 9309, Revision 9.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES

a. CERTIFICATE NUMBER	b. REVISION NUMBER	c. DOCKET NUMBER	d. PACKAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	PAGE		PAGES
9309	9	71-9309	USA/9309/B(U)F-96	1	OF	8

2. PREAMBLE

a. This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

b. This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

a. ISSUED TO *(Name and Address)*

Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC
P.O. Box 780
Wilmington, NC 28402

b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION

Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC, application dated May 5, 2009, as supplemented.

4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

5.

(a) Packaging

(1) Model No.: RAJ-II

(2) Description

The RAJ-II package is a rectangular box that is 742 mm (29.21 in) high by 720 mm (28.35 in) wide by 5,068 mm (199.53 in) long to transport a maximum of two Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) fuel assemblies or individual rods that meet the ASTM C996-96 standard of enriched commercial grade uranium, enriched reprocessed uranium, uranium oxide generic pressurized water reactor (PWR) or uranium carbide loose fuel rods in a 5 inch diameter stainless steel pipe.

It is comprised of one inner container and one outer container both made of stainless steel. The inner container is comprised of a double-wall stainless steel sheet structure with alumina silicate thermal insulator filling the gap between the two walls to reduce the flow of the heat into the contents in the event of a fire. Foam polyethylene cushioning material is placed on the inside of the inner container for protection of the fuel assembly. The outer container is comprised of a stainless steel angular framework covered with stainless steel plates. Inner container clamps are installed inside the outer container with a vibro-isolating device between to alleviate vibration occurring during transportation. Wood and honeycomb resin impregnated kraft paper are placed as shock absorbers to reduce shock in the event of a drop of the package. The fuel rod clad and ceramic nature of the fuel pellets provide primary containment of the radioactive material.

5.(a)(2) continued

The approximate dimensions and weights of the package are as follows:

Maximum gross shipping weight	1,614 kg (3,558 lbs)
Maximum weight of inner container	308 kg (679 lbs)
Maximum weight of outer container	622 kg (1,371 lbs)
Maximum weight of packaging	930 kg (2,050 lbs)
Dimensions of inner container	
Length	4,686 mm (184.49 in)
Width	459 mm (18.07 in)
Height	286 mm (11.26 in)
Dimensions of outer container	
Length	5,068 mm (199.53 in)
Width	720 mm (28.35 in)
Height	742 mm (29.21 in)

(3) Drawings

This packaging is constructed in accordance with the Global Nuclear Fuel (GNF) Drawing Nos.:

Outer Container Drawings
105E3737, Rev. 6
105E3738, Sheets 1 and 2, Rev. 8
105E3738, Sheet 3, Rev. 7
105E3739, Rev. 4
105E3740, Rev. 4
105E3741, Rev. 1
105E3742, Rev. 3
105E3743, Rev. 5
105E3744, Rev. 6

Inner Container Drawings
105E3745, Rev. 8
105E3746, Rev. 1
105E3747, Rev. 4
105E3748, Rev. 2
105E3749, Rev. 6

Contents Containers
105E3773, Rev. 1
0028B98, Rev. 1

5. continued

(b) Contents

(1) Type and form of material

Enriched commercial grade uranium or enriched reprocessed uranium, as defined in ASTM C996-96, uranium oxide or uranium carbide fuel rods enriched to no more than 5.0 weight percent in the U-235 isotope, with limits specified in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

Table 1: Maximum weight of uranium dioxide pellets per fuel assembly

Type 8x8 fuel assembly	Type 9x9 fuel assembly	Type 10x10 fuel assembly
235 kg	240 kg	275 kg

Table 2: Maximum Authorized Concentrations

Isotope	Maximum content
U-232	2.00×10^{-9} g/gU
U-234	2.00×10^{-3} g/gU
U-235	5.00×10^{-2} g/gU
U-236	2.50×10^{-2} g/gU
Np-237	1.66×10^{-6} g/gU
Pu-238	6.20×10^{-11} g/gU
Pu-239	3.04×10^{-9} g/gU
Pu-240	3.04×10^{-9} g/gU
Gamma Emitters	5.18×10^{5} MeV - Bq/kgU

5.(b)(1) continued

(i) 8 x 8 fuel assemblies comprised of 60 to 64 rods in a square array with a maximum active fuel rod length of 381 cm. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, rod pitch, water rod specifications, and poison rod specification are in accordance with Table 3 below.

(ii) 9 x 9 fuel assemblies comprised of 72 to 81 rods in a square array with a maximum active fuel rod length of 381 cm. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, rod pitch, water rod specifications, and poison rod specification are in accordance with Table 3 below.

(iii) 10 x 10 fuel assemblies comprised of 91 to 100 rods in a square array with a maximum active fuel rod length of 385 cm. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, rod pitch, water rod specifications, and poison rod specification are in accordance with Table 3 below.

(iv) Oxide fuel rods configured loose, in a 5 inch diameter schedule 40 stainless steel pipe/protective case or strapped together. When fuel rods are placed in polyethylene sleeves, each polyethylene sleeve shall not exceed 0.0152 cm in thickness. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, and rod specifications are in accordance with Table 4 below.

(v) Uranium carbide or generic PWR uranium oxide fuel rods configured loose, in a 5 inch diameter schedule 40 stainless steel pipe. When fuel rods are placed in polyethylene sleeves, each polyethylene sleeve shall not exceed 0.0152 cm in thickness. The maximum pellet diameter, minimum clad thickness, and rod specifications are in accordance with Table 4 below.

5.(b)(1) continued

Table 3: Fuel Assembly Parameters

Parameter	Units	Type	Type	Type	Type
Fuel Assembly Type	Rods	8x8	9x9	FANP 10x10	GNF 10x10
UO_2 Density		≤ 98% Theoretical	≤ 98% Theoretical	≤ 98% Theoretical	≤ 98% Theoretical
Number of water rods (See Condition 8)	#	0, 2x2	0, 2-2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3	0, 2-2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3	0, 2-2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3
Number of fuel rods	#	60 - 64	72 - 81	91 - 100	91 - 100
Fuel Rod OD	cm	≥ 1.176	≥ 1.093	≥ 1.000	≥ 1.010
Fuel Pellet OD	cm	≤ 1.05	≤ 0.96	≤ 0.895	≤ 0.895
Cladding Type		Zirconium Alloy	Zirconium Alloy	Zirconium Alloy	Zirconium Alloy
Cladding ID	cm	≤ 1.10	≤ 1.02	≤ 0.933	≤ 0.934
Cladding Thickness	cm	≥ 0.038	≥ 0.036	≥ 0.033	≥ 0.038
Active fuel length	cm	≤ 381	≤ 381	≤ 385	≤ 385
Nominal Fuel Rod Pitch	cm	1.63	≤ 1.45	≤ 1.30	1.30
U-235 Pellet Enrichment	wt%	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0
Maximum Lattice Average Enrichment	wt%	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0	≤ 5.0
Channel Thickness[a]	cm	0.17 – 0.3048	0.17 – 0.3048	0.17 – 0.3048	0.17 – 0.3048
Partial Length Fuel Rods (1/3 through 2/3 normal length)	Max #	None	12	14	14
Gadolinia Requirements Lattice Average Enrichment[b]	# @ wt% Gd_2O_3				
≤ 5.0 wt % U-235		7 @ 2 wt %	10 @ 2 wt %	12 @ 2 wt %	12 @ 2 wt %
≤ 4.7 wt % U-235		6 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %	12 @ 2 wt %	12 @ 2 wt %
≤ 4.6 wt % U-235		6 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %	10 @ 2 wt %	10 @ 2 wt %
≤ 4.3 wt % U-235		6 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %	9 @ 2 wt %	9 @ 2 wt %
≤ 4.2 wt % U-235		6 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %
≤ 4.1 wt % U-235		4 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %	8 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.9 wt % U-235		4 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.8 wt % U-235		4 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.7 wt % U-235		2 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %	6 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.6 wt % U-235		2 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.5 wt % U-235		2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %	4 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.3 wt % U-235		2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.1 wt % U-235		None	2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %
≤ 3.0 wt % U-235		None	None	2 @ 2 wt %	2 @ 2 wt %
≤ 2.9 wt % U-235		None	None	None	None
Polyethylene Equivalent Mass (Maximum per Assembly)[c]	kg	11	11	10.2	10.2

a. Transport with or without channels is acceptable
b. Required gadolinia rods must be distributed symmetrically about the major diagonal
c. Polyethylene equivalent mass calculation (refer to 6.3.2.2 of the application)

5.(b)(1) continued

Table 4: Fuel Rod Parameters

Parameter	Units	Type					
Fuel Assembly Type		8x8 (1) (UO_2)	9x9 (1) (UO_2)	10x10 (1) (UO_2)	CANDU-14 (UC)	CANDU-25 (UC)	Generic PWR (UO_2)
UO_2 or UC Fuel Density		<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical	<98% theoretical
Fuel rod OD	cm	≥1.10	≥1.02	≥1.00	≥1.340	≥0.996	≥1.118
Fuel Pellet OD	cm	≤1.05	≤0.96	≤0.90	≤1.254	≤0.950	≤0.98
Cladding Type		Zirc. Alloy	Zirc. Alloy	Zirc. Alloy	Zirc. Alloy or SS	Zirc. Alloy or SS	Zirc. Alloy or SS
Cladding ID	cm	≤1.10	≤1.02	≤1.00	≤1.267	≤0.951	≤1.004
Cladding Thickness	cm	≥0.038	≥0.036	≥0.038	≥0.033	≥0.033	≥0.033
Active fuel Length	cm	≤381	≤381	≤385	≤47.752	≤40.013	≤450
Maximum U-235 Pellet Enrichment	wt.%	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0
Maximum Average fuel rod Enrichment	wt.%	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0	≤5.0
Loose Rod Configuration							
Freely Loose		≤25	≤25	≤25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Packed in 5" SS Pipe or Protective Case (3)		≤22	≤26	≤30	≤74 (2)	≤130 (2)	≤105 (2)
Strapped Together		≤25	≤25	≤25	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Previous analysis (Ref. 1) based on most conservative loose rod configuration (i.e., no credit taken for 5" SS pipe)
(2) Including partial rods (in reality, apply dense packing of congruent rods in the pipe) and only in 5" SS pipes
(3) Protective case consists of SS box with lid

5.(b)(2) Maximum quantity of material per package

Total weight of payload contents (fuel assemblies, or fuel rods and rod shipping containers) not to exceed 684 kg (1508 pounds).

(i) For the contents described in 5(b)(1)(i), 5(b)(1)(ii), and 5(b)(1)(iii): two fuel assemblies.

(ii) For the contents described in 5(b)(1)(iv) and 5(b)(1)(v): allowable number of fuel rods per compartment (2 compartments per package).

(c) Criticality Safety Index, except for contents described in 5(b)(1)(v) and limited in 5(b)(2)(ii) 1.0

Criticality Safety Index for contents described in 5(b)(1)(v) and limited in 5(b)(2)(ii) 2.1

6. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:

(a) The package shall be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the Package Operations of Chapter 7 of the application.

(b) The packaging must meet the Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program of Chapter 8 of the application.

(c) Prior to each shipment, the stainless steel components of the packaging must be visually inspected. Packages in which stainless steel components show pitting corrosion, cracking, or pinholes are not authorized for transport.

(d) If wrapping is used on the unirradiated fuel assemblies, the ends must be assured to be open during the shipment in the package.

7. Cluster separators are optional and may be comprised of polyethylene or other plastics. Polyethylene or plastic mass limits shall be determined in accordance with Section 6.3.2.2 (Material Specifications) of the application.

8. Water rods are limited as shown in Table 3 above.

   For 8 x 8 fuel assembly designs, there can be either 0 or 1 water rod, and the water rod location occupies a space equivalent to 2 x 2 fuel rods. This is designated as 0, 2 x 2 in the table.

   For 9 x 9 and 10 x 10 fuel assembly designs, there can be either 0, 1, or 2 water rods in the assembly, and the water rod location occupies a space equivalent to (a) two 2 x 2 fuel rod equivalent spaces on a diagonal at the center of the assembly, or (b) one 3 x 3 fuel rod equivalent space (9 fuel rods space) in the center of the assembly. These configurations are designated as 0, 2 - 2x2 off-center diagonal, 3x3 in the table.

9. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.

10. Transport by air of fissile material is not authorized.

11. Revision No. 7 of this certificate, amended to reference Drawing Nos.: 105E3738, Sheets 1 and 2, Rev. 8; 105E3743, Rev. 5; and 105E3744, Rev. 6; as listed in Condition 5(a)(3), may be used until August 31, 2010.

12. Expiration date: November 30, 2014.

REFERENCES

Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC, application dated May 5, 2009.

Supplement dated: August 24, 2009.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Date: August 28, 2009

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SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

Docket No. 71-9309
Model No. RAJ-II Package
Certificate of Compliance No. 9309
Revision No. 9

SUMMARY

By application dated August 24, 2009, Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas, LLC (GNF-A), requested an amendment to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 9309, for the Model No. RAJ-II package. GNF-A identified non-critical dimensional errors in the currently approved drawings. This application provides revised drawings to correct the errors to reflect the as-built condition of the packagings. Based on the statements and representations in the application, the staff agrees that these changes do not affect the ability of he package to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.

EVALUATION

By application dated August 24, 2009, GNF-A provided revised drawings to correct non-critical dimensional errors in the currently approved drawings. Specific changes to the drawings include:

- Drawing No. 105E3738, Sheet 1

No change to the drawing, however, the revision number was changed to Rev. 8

- Drawing No. 105E3738, Sheet 2

The dimensions for the inner container Delrin guide were changed from 359 mm to 306 mm, and 284 mm to 283 mm, shown in Zones G5 and H5. The revision number was changed to Rev. 8. The basis for this change was to correctly match the dimensions of the Delrin guide (Item 30) in Zone F7, and reflect the as-built condition of the packagings currently in service.

- Drawing No. 105E3743

The dimensions to the hole location on the end of the lid were changed from 255 mm to 225 mm, shown in Zone H2. The revision number was changed to Rev. 5. This change was required to match the fabrication drawings, and show appropriate dimensions for the lid to align with the outer container base, reflecting the as-built configuration of the packagings currently in service.

- Drawing No. 105E3744

The spacing distance for the lid-lifting sling was corrected from 1550 mm to 1507 mm, in Zones I6 and I11. The revision number was changed to Rev. 6. This change corrected the dimension to match the fabrication drawings, and reflect the as-built condition of the packagings currently in service.

These minor changes to the drawings do not affect any critical dimensions, and will not impact the performance of the package design.

Because of the errors in the drawings referenced in CoC No. 9309, Rev. 8, this Certificate supersedes Rev. 8 in its entirety. However, staff recognizes the need for an orderly transition period between revisions of the CoC. As a result, staff has conditioned the Certificate to allow continued use of CoC 9309, Rev. 7, with reference to the revised drawings, for the same period of time as previously allowed under Rev. 8.

CONDITIONS

The following changes have been made to the Certificate:

Condition No. 5(a)(3) Drawings, has been updated to reference the corrected drawings.

Condition No. 11, which authorized use of Revision 7 of the Certificate of Compliance until August 31, 2010, was revised by the addition of a reference to the corrected drawings.

CONCLUSION

The Certificate has been revised to reference the revised drawings. These changes do not affect the ability of the package to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.

Issued with Certificate of Compliance No. 9309, Revision No. 9,
on August 28, 2009.

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