

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES**

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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

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| a. ISSUED TO <i>(Name and Address)</i>
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC
Nuclear Fuel
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility
5801 Bluff Road
Hopkins, SC 29061 | b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, application
Revision No. 14, dated March 2019. |
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4. CONDITIONS

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

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(a) Packaging

- (1) Model Nos.: Traveller STD, Traveller XL, Traveller VVER
- (2) Description

The Traveller package is designed to transport fresh uranium fuel assemblies or rods with enrichment up to 5.0 weight percent. The package is designed to carry one fuel assembly or one container for loose rods. The package consists of three components: 1) an outerpack, 2) a clamshell, and 3) a fuel assembly or rod container.

The outerpack serves as the primary impact and thermal protection for the fuel assembly and also provides for lifting, stacking, and tie down during transportation. Two independent impact limiters consisting of two sections of foam of different densities sandwiched between three layers of sheet metal are integral parts of the outerpack. Polyethylene foam sheeting may be positioned between the clamshell and the lower outerpack to augment shock absorbing characteristics during routine transportation. A weather gasket between the mating surfaces of the upper and lower outerpack provides a seal to prevent rain from entering the package.

The purpose of the Clamshell is to protect the contents during routine handling and limit rearrangement of the contents in the event of a transport accident. During routine handling, the Clamshell doors open to load the contents and are secured with multi-point cammed latches and hinge pins. The Clamshell is a part of the confinement system that protects and restrains the fuel assembly or fuel rod tube contents during all transport conditions. Neutron

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absorber plates are installed on the inside surface of the clamshell along the full length of each main door and the top door.

There are two general types of clamshells used, a typical rectangular clamshell, and a hexagonal VVER Clamshell. The rectangular clamshell is used in both the Traveller STD and XL packages, with minor differences between the two. The VVER Clamshell is used in the Traveller VVER package. The STD/XL Clamshell consists of an aluminum "v" extrusion strong back. The VVER Clamshell is similar in build to the STD/XL Clamshell, however it has been designed for the transport of hexagonal fuel assemblies. All clamshell designs consist of an aluminum base and two aluminum panel doors, bottom and top end plates, and similar multi-point cammed latch closure mechanism. The clamshells use piano-type hinges (continuous hinges) to connect each main door to the strong back. The strong back and bottom plate are lined with a cork rubber pad to cushion and protect the contents during normal handling and transport conditions. The clamshell is fastened to the lower outerpack using shock absorbing rubber mounts.

The Traveller package is designed to carry loose rods using a container or rod pipe. The rod pipe consists of a 15.2 cm (6 in.) standard 304 stainless steel, Schedule 40 pipe, and standard 304 stainless steel closures at each end. The closure is a 0.635 cm (0.25 in.) thick cover secured with Type 304 stainless steel hardware to a flange fabricated from 0.635 cm (0.25 in.) thick plate.

There are three models of the Traveller packaging: the Traveller STD, the Traveller XL and the Traveller VVER.

Traveller STD:

Package gross weight	2,041 kilograms (kg) (4,500 pounds (lbs))
Packaging gross weight	1,293 kg (2,850 lbs)
Contents gross weight	748 kg (1,650 lbs)
Outer dimensions	
Length	500.4 cm (197 in.)
Width	68.6 cm (27.0 in.)
Height	99.8 cm (39.3 in.)

Traveller XL:

Package gross weight	2,372 kg (5,230 lbs)
Packaging gross weight	1,476 kg (3,255 lbs)
Contents gross weight	896 kg (1,975 lbs)
Outer dimensions	
Length	574 cm (226.0 in.)
Width	68.8 cm (27.1 in.)
Height	99.8 cm (39.3 in.)

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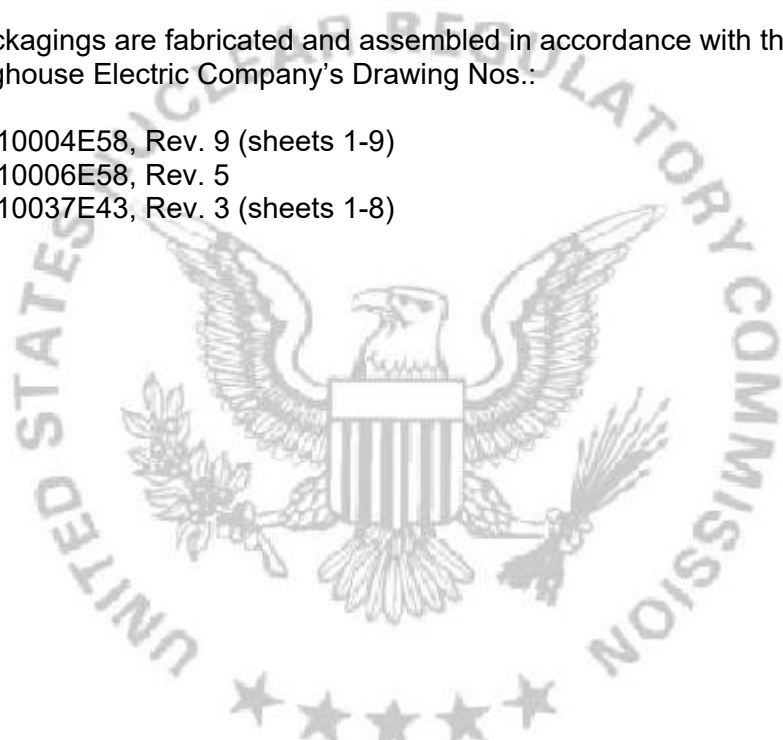
Traveller VVER:

Package gross weight	2,316 kg (5,105 lbs)
Packaging gross weight	1,476 kg (3,255 lbs)
Contents gross weight	840 kg (1,850 lbs)
Outer dimensions	
Length	574 cm (226.0 in.)
Width	68.8 cm (27.1 in.)
Height	99.8 cm (39.3 in.)

(3) Drawings

The packagings are fabricated and assembled in accordance with the following Westinghouse Electric Company's Drawing Nos.:

- 10004E58, Rev. 9 (sheets 1-9)
- 10006E58, Rev. 5
- 10037E43, Rev. 3 (sheets 1-8)



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5. (b) Contents (Type and Form of Material)

(1) PWR Group 1 Fuel Assembly

- (i) Fresh PWR uranium dioxide fuel assemblies with a maximum uranium-235 enrichment of 5.0 weight percent, with an isotopic composition not exceeding a Type A quantity. The parameters of the fuel assemblies that are permitted are as follows:

Parameters for Square Lattice Group 1 Fuel Assemblies

Fuel Assembly Description	Fabrication Tolerance Limit	14 Bin 1	14 Bin 2	15 Bin 1	Fabrication Tolerance Limit	15 Bin 2
Array Size	-	14 x 14	14 x 14	15 x 15	-	15x15
No. of Fuel Rods per Assembly	-	176	179	204	-	205
No. of Non-Fuel Holes	-	20	17	21	-	20
Nominal Pitch (in./cm)	+0.005 (+0.0127)	0.580 (1.4732)	0.556 (1.4122)	0.563 (1.4300)	+0.0118 (+0.0300)	0.563 (1.4300)
Minimum Fuel Pellet Outer Diameter (in./cm)	-0.0007 (-0.0018)	0.3805 (0.9665)	0.3439 (0.8735)	0.3582 (0.9098)	-0.0007 (-0.0018)	0.3580 (0.9092)
Minimum Cladding Inner Diameter (in./cm)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.3855 (0.9792)	0.3489 (0.9777)	0.3636 (0.9235)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.3627 (0.9214)
Minimum Cladding Thickness (in./cm)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.0245 (0.0622)	0.0228 (0.0579)	0.0228 (0.0579)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.0265 (0.0674)
Maximum Active Fuel Length (in./cm)	+0.500 (+1.270)	136.70 (347.22)	144.00 (365.76)	144.00 (365.76)	+0.500 (+1.270)	139.76 (355.00)

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5.(b)(1)(i) PWR Group 1 Fuel Assembly (Continued)

Parameters for Group 1 Fuel Assemblies

Fuel Assembly Description	Fabrication Tolerance Limit	16 Bin 2	16 Bin 3	17 Bin 1	17 Bin 2
Array Size	-	16x16	16x16	17x17	17x17
No. of Fuel Rods per Assembly	-	236	235	264	264
No. of Non-Fuel Holes	-	20	21	25	25
Nominal Pitch (in./cm)	+0.005 (+0.0127)	0.506 (1.2852)	0.485 (1.2319)	0.496 (1.2598)	0.502 (1.2751)
Minimum Fuel Pellet OD (in./cm)	-0.0007 (-0.0018)	0.3220 (0.8179)	0.3083 (0.7831)	0.3083 (0.7831)	0.3238 (0.8225)
Minimum Cladding ID (in./cm)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.3265 (0.8293)	0.3125 (0.7938)	0.3125 (0.7938)	0.3276 (0.8321)
Minimum Cladding Thickness (in./cm)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.0210 (0.0533)	0.0210 (0.0533)	0.0210 (0.0533)	0.0220 (0.0559)
Maximum Active Fuel Length (in./cm)	+0.500 (+1.270)	150.00 (381.00)	144.00 (365.76)	168.00 (426.72)	144.00 (365.76)

- (ii) For each parameter, the listed fabrication tolerance limit applies to all bins included in the table. For maximum parameters, only the positive tolerance is limited and for minimum parameters, only the negative tolerance is limited.
- (iii) All rod cladding must be composed of a Zirconium Alloy.
- (iv) There is no restriction on the length of top and bottom annular blankets. The annular fuel pellet inner diameter in the blanket region must be ≥ 0.155 in. and ≤ 0.183 in. (≥ 0.3937 cm and ≤ 0.46482 cm).
- (v) Any quantity of stainless steel replacement rods is allowed in the assembly.
- (vi) Polyethylene packing materials are limited to a maximum of 2.0 kg in the Clamshell and may not have a hydrogen density greater than 0.1325 g/cm^3 .

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- (vii) Non-fissile base-plate mounted core components, and spider-body core components, including burnable absorbers, secondary source rods, and axial spacer assemblies, are permitted.
- (viii) Primary neutron sources or other radioactive material are not permitted.

5.(b)(2) PWR Group 2 Fuel Assembly

- (i) PWR uranium dioxide fuel assemblies with a maximum uranium-235 enrichment of 5.0 weight percent, with an isotopic composition not exceeding a Type A quantity. The parameters of the fuel assemblies that are permitted are as follows:

Parameters for Square Lattice Group 2 Fuel Assemblies

Fuel Assembly Description	Fabrication Tolerance Limit	16 Bin 1	18 Bin 1
Array Size	-	16x16	18x18
No. of Fuel Rods per Assembly	-	236	300
No. of Non-Fuel Holes	-	20	24
Nominal Pitch (in./cm)	+0.0118 (+0.0300)	0.563 (1.430)	0.500 (1.27)
Minimum Fuel Pellet OD (in./cm)	-0.0007 (-0.0018)	0.3581 (0.9097)	0.3165 (0.8039)
Minimum Cladding ID (in./cm)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.3665 (0.9310)	0.3236 (0.8220)
Minimum Cladding Thickness (in./cm)	-0.002 (-0.0051)	0.0283 (0.0720)	0.0252 (0.0640)
Maximum Active Fuel Length (in./cm)	+0.500 (+1.270)	153.54 (390.00)	153.54 (390.00)

- (ii) For each parameter, the listed fabrication tolerance limit applies to all bins included in the table. For maximum parameters, only the positive tolerance is limited and for minimum parameters, only the negative tolerance is limited.
- (iii) All rod cladding must be composed of a Zirconium Alloy.
- (iv) The length of top and bottom annular blankets is restricted to 50.8 cm (20 in.). The annular fuel pellet inner diameter in the blanket region must be ≥ 0.155 in. and ≤ 0.183 in. (≥ 0.3937 cm and ≤ 0.46482 cm).

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- (v) Any quantity of stainless steel replacement rods is allowed in the assembly.
- (vi) Polyethylene packing materials are limited to a maximum of 2.0 kg in the Clamshell and may not have a hydrogen density greater than 0.1325 g/cm³.
- (vii) Non-fissile base-plate mounted core components, and spider-body core components, including burnable absorbers, secondary source rods, and axial spacer assemblies, are permitted.
- (viii) Primary neutron sources or other radioactive material are not permitted.

5.(b)(3) PWR Group 3 Fuel Assembly (VVER)

- (i) VVER uranium dioxide fuel assemblies with a maximum uranium-235 enrichment of 5.0 weight percent, with an isotopic composition not exceeding a Type A quantity. The parameters of the fuel assemblies that are permitted are as follows:

Parameters for VVER Fuel Assemblies

Fuel Assembly Description	Fabrication Tolerance Limit	VV Bin 1
Array Size	-	11x21 ^a
No. of Fuel Rods per Assembly	-	312
No. of Non-Fuel Holes	-	19
Nominal Pitch (in./cm)	+0.001 (+0.0026)	0.502 (1.2751)
Minimum Fuel Pellet OD (in./cm)	-0.0005 (-0.0013)	0.3083 (0.7831)
Minimum Cladding ID (in./cm)	-0.0015 (-0.0051)	0.3125 (0.7938)
Minimum Cladding Thickness (in./cm)	-0.0015 (-0.0051)	0.0210 (0.0533)
Maximum Active Fuel Length (in./cm)	+0.500 (+1.270)	143.70 (365.00)

Note: ^a (shortest row) x (longest row).

- (ii) For each parameter, the listed fabrication tolerance limit applies to all bins included in the table. For maximum parameters, only the positive tolerance is limited and for minimum parameters, only the negative tolerance is limited.
- (iii) All rod cladding must be composed of a Zirconium Alloy.

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- (iv) The length of top and bottom annular blankets is restricted to 50.8 cm (20 in.). The annular fuel pellet inner diameter in the blanket region must be ≥ 0.155 in. and ≤ 0.183 in. (≥ 0.3937 cm and ≤ 0.46482 cm).
- (v) Any quantity of stainless steel replacement rods is allowed in the assembly.
- (vi) Polyethylene packing materials are limited to a maximum of 2.0 kg in the Clamshell and may not have a hydrogen density greater than 0.1325 g/cm^3 .
- (vii) Non-fissile base-plate mounted core components, and spider-body core components, including burnable absorbers, secondary source rods, and axial spacer assemblies, are permitted.
- (viii) Primary neutron sources or other radioactive material are not permitted.

5.(b)(4) Loose Uranium Dioxide Fuel Rods

Uranium dioxide (UO_2) fuel rods with a maximum uranium-235 enrichment of 5.0 weight percent, and an isotopic composition not exceeding a Type A quantity. Fuel rods shall be transported in the Traveller STD and XL package inside a Rod Pipe as specified in Drawing 10006E58. The fuel rods shall meet the parametric requirements given below:

Parameter	Limit
Maximum Enrichment	5.0 weight percent uranium-235
Minimum Pellet Diameter (in./cm) ^a	0.308 (0.7823)
Maximum stack length	Up to rod container length
Cladding Material	Zirconium or steel alloy
Integral absorber	Gadolinia, erbia, boron, and hafnium
Annular Blanket	No limit on length. Inner diameter must be ≥ 0.155 in. and ≤ 0.183 in. (≥ 0.3937 cm and ≤ 0.4648 cm). For inner diameters > 0.183 in. (> 0.4648 cm), the inner diameter must be equivalent to no more than 44% of the fuel pellet diameter.
Maximum number of rods per Rod Pipe	Up to Rod Pipe capacity
Wrapping or sleeving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polyethylene packing materials: unlimited quantity in the Rod Pipe. - Materials with hydrogen density less than 0.1325 g/cm^3.

Note: ^a Maximum allowable negative tolerance is -0.0014 in. (-0.0036 cm). No limit on positive tolerance

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5.(b)(5) Loose Uranium Silicide Fuel Rods

Uranium silicide (U_3Si_2) fuel rods with a maximum uranium-235 enrichment of 5.0 weight percent, with an isotopic composition not exceeding a Type A quantity. Fuel rods shall be transported in the Traveller STD package inside a Rod Pipe, as specified in Drawing 10006E58. The fuel rods shall meet the parametric requirements given below:

Parameter	Limit
Maximum Enrichment	5.0 weight percent uranium-235
Minimum Pellet Diameter (in./cm) ^a	0.3078 (0.7818)
Maximum Pellet Diameter (in./cm) ^a	0.382 (0.9703)
Maximum stack length	Up to Rod Pipe length
Cladding Material	Zirconium or steel alloy
Integral absorber	Gadolinia, erbia, boron, and hafnium
Annular Blanket	No limit on length. Inner diameter must be ≥ 0.155 in. and ≤ 0.183 in. (≥ 0.3937 cm and ≤ 0.4648 cm).
Maximum number of rods per Rod Pipe	60 rods
Wrapping or sleeving	- Polyethylene packing materials unlimited quantity in the Rod Pipe. - Materials with hydrogen density less than 0.1325 g/cm^3 .

Note: ^a Maximum allowable tolerance is ± 0.0014 in. (± 0.0036 cm).

5.(c) Criticality Safety Index

(1)	When transporting PWR Group 1 fuel assemblies as described in 5.(b)(1):	1.0
(2)	When transporting PWR Group 2 fuel assemblies as described in 5.(b)(2):	4.2
(3)	When transporting PWR Group 3 fuel assemblies as described in 5.(b)(3):	1.0
(4)	When transporting loose rods in the Rod Pipe as described in 5.(b)(4) and 5.(b)(5):	0.7

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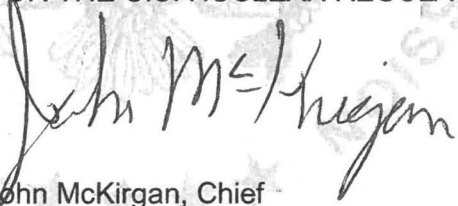
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6. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:
 - (a) The package must be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the Operating Procedures in Chapter 7 of the Traveller License Application, as supplemented.
 - (b) Each packaging must be acceptance tested and maintained in accordance with the Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program in Chapter 8 of the Traveller License Application, as supplemented.
7. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby authorized for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.
8. The package is not authorized by this certificate for air transport.
9. Revision No. 10 of this certificate may be used until April 30, 2020.
10. Expiration date: March 31, 2025.

REFERENCES

Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, application, revision No. 14, dated March 2019.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



John McKirgan, Chief
Spent Fuel Licensing Branch
Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Date: April 18, 2019



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT
Docket No. 71-9297
Model Nos. Traveller STD, Traveller XL and Traveller VVER
Certificate of Compliance No. 9297
Revision No. 11

SUMMARY

By letter dated March 26, 2019, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC (Westinghouse or the applicant) requested a timely renewal of Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 9297 for the Model Nos. Traveller STD, Traveller XL and Traveller VVER packages.

Westinghouse did not request any changes to the package design, or operating procedures, acceptance tests and maintenance program of the package. The certificate has been renewed for an additional five-year period.

EVALUATION

In support of the certificate renewal request, Westinghouse submitted a consolidated application, Revision No. 14, incorporating the previous revision dated March 2017 and supplements dated May 2017, while providing also clarifications of existing analyses and procedures that had been requested from foreign competent authorities. Editorial corrections were also made in this Revision No. 14 of the application.

This consolidated application, Revision No. 14, is written in accordance with NUREG-1886, "Joint Canada - United States Guide for Approval of Type B(U) and Fissile Material Transportation Packages," as it was also the case for Revision No. 13. The staff determined that the documentation was available and complete and that the revisions made by the applicant did not result in a change of the packaging design or contents and that there were no changes to any technical analysis.

No changes were made to Chapter Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the application. Revisions made in Chapter Nos. 1, 7, and 8 of the consolidated application, Revision No. 14, were minor in nature, consisting of clarifications to the existing text. Revisions made in Chapter No. 6 corrected a polyethylene packing material penalty discrepancy in Section 6.4.2, which resulted in a reduction in the maximum k_{eff} ; this correction and revision did not result in a change of any technical analysis of the application or of any condition of the certificate.

In Chapter 1, editorial corrections were made for clarity purposes: "10CFR71" was changed to "10 CFR 71", "Strong back" of Clamshell was changed to "base" for consistency, "fuel Rod Pipe" was corrected to "Rod Pipe", the description of the BORAL plates was modified from "each axial side" to "each lateral side", etc. The applicant also clarified that the containment system for the Traveller is the zirconium alloy clad and end plugs of the fuel rods, that "grid assemblies are mechanically fastened to the guide thimbles" and that the package must be up-ended for the "loading and unloading of contents". Descriptions were also added to the drawing numbers.

The applicant noted that, in the previous revision of the application, the PWR fuel assembly single package criticality analyses, for hypothetical accident conditions (HAC), credited higher masses of polyethylene packing materials than the 2 kg polyethylene packing material limit referenced in Condition Nos. 5.(b)(1)(vi), 5.(b)(2)(vi), and 5.(b)(3)(vi) of the certificate of compliance, and this for all three PWR Groups. The consolidated application, Revision No. 14, was thus revised to credit the 2 kg polyethylene packing material limit for the PWR fuel assembly HAC single package analyses. This change resulted in a reduction of the maximum k_{eff} for all the PWR Groups 1, 2, and 3 single package analyses for hypothetical accident conditions. However, the applicant noted that the results of the single package analysis remain below the upper subcritical limit (USL). The staff reviewed Revision No. 13 of the application and confirmed that (i) the penalties taken for polyethylene packing materials for the single package analyses were for masses greater than the 2 kg limit on the package, (ii) in Revision No.14 of the application, the penalty taken for polyethylene packing materials was changed to 2 kg for consistency with the limit set on the package, as determined in the HAC package array analyses. The staff also noted that several sections of this Chapter were already identifying the polyethylene packing material limits to 2.0 kg. The staff confirmed that the clarifications and changes made by the applicant did not result in any change of the technical analyses that had been previously approved by staff. The staff also agreed that such modifications were made for consistency reasons, i.e., having the same penalty assessed for the 2 kg polyethylene packing material limit for all PWR Group safety cases.

Editorial corrections made in Chapter No. 7 include: “axial restraint and axial spacers” to “axial restraint(s) and axial spacer (as needed)”, “unirradiated definition” to “unirradiated uranium’ definition”, “assembly” or “fuel” to “contents” or “fuel contents”, respectively. The applicant clarified that that there may be more than one axial restraint and that the axial spacer is not always needed; the applicant added metric torque values and clarified how many stacked packages may be lifted at the same time.

Additions made in Chapter No. 8 include statements about (i) the Traveller’s procurement under an NRC-approved QA program meeting 10 CFR 71 Subpart H, (ii) non-destructive examination procedures and standards from ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NF-5000, (iii) the fact that the Traveller packaging is not pressurized and that pressure testing is not required, and (iv) compliance of the UHMW polyethylene with ASTM D4020.

CONDITIONS

The following changes have been made to the certificate:

Item No. 3(b), “Title and Identification of Report or Application,” has been updated to reference the latest consolidated application, Revision No. 14, dated March 2019.

Condition No. 9 has been modified to allow the previous revision of the certificate to be used for a period of approximately one year.

Condition No. 10 was updated with the new expiration date of the certificate.

The references section has been updated to include Revision No. 14 of the application.

CONCLUSION

Based on the statements and representations contained in the application and the conditions listed above, the staff concludes that the Model Nos. Traveller STD, Traveller XL, and Traveller VVER packages meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71 and the guidance on format and content in NUREG-1886 for joint approval in the U.S. and Canada. The certificate has been renewed for a five-year term.

Issued with Certificate of Compliance No. 9297, Revision No. 11,

on April 18, 2019