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Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR DANIEL G. PELLEGRINO  
ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR OPERATIONS  
SANDIA FIELD OFFICE

FROM: FRANK MARCINOWSKI *Frank Marcinowski*  
HEADQUARTERS CERTIFYING OFFICIAL  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
WASTE MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Program Approval

Per the email request dated August 4, 2014 from Mr. Michael Starr, attached is Department of Energy (DOE), Quality Assurance Program Approval Number 0027, Revision 0, for Sandia National Laboratories – New Mexico. This approval is based on DOE Packaging Certification Program (PCP) endorsement of the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) Certifying Official's (CO) June 18 approval of Sandia's Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP), AS-PT-PD-04, Revision 5, dated June 2015.

This DOE QA Approval satisfies DOE Order 460.1C, and therefore complies with the provisions in 49 CFR 173.7(d) for the DOE to maintain packaging standards equivalent to those specified in 10 CFR Part 71.

The expiration date of Approval Number 0027, Revision 0 is June 20, 2020. Please notify my office, in writing, of any changes to the status of your approval by the NNSA CO.

This approval memorandum also serves as a reminder that DOE Order 460.1C requires each DOE entity that offers for transportation or transports radioactive material for DOE in Type B or fissile material packaging certified by the Headquarters Certifying Official (HCO) or the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall be registered in writing with the HCO. Refer to the following URL site for registration instructions: <http://rampac.energy.gov>.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. James Shuler of my staff, at (301) 903-5513.

Attachment

cc: Roy Lybarger, NA-SN  
Michael Starr, SNL  
Lawrence Gelder, SRNL

QA Docket File 2014-003





**U.S. Department of Energy**  
**QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM APPROVAL**  
 For Type B and Fissile Radioactive Material Packages

1. APPROVAL NUMBER  
**0027**

REVISION  
 0

Pursuant to DOE Order 460.1C, *Packaging and Transportation Safety*, subparagraph 4.a.(3), *Quality Assurance (QA)* directs that each entity that participates in the design, fabrication, procurement, use, or maintenance of a hazardous materials packaging must have a QA Program approved and audited by the Headquarters Certifying Official that satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, Subpart H, QA, for certified Type B and fissile radioactive materials packagings. The Contractors Requirements Document in Attachment 1 of Paragraph 6 of the Order imposes the same requirement on DOE contractors. Based on the reliance on statements and representations heretofore made in Block 5 by the organization named in Block 2, the Quality Assurance Program Description identified in Block 5 is hereby approved. This approval is issued to satisfy the requirements of the Order, 49 CFR 173.7.(d), and 10 CFR 71.101. This approval is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Department of Energy now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

2. ORGANIZATION NAME  
 Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico

3. EXPIRATION DATE  
 June 20, 2020

STREET ADDRESS  
 P.O. Box 5800, Mail Stop 1122

4. DOCKET NUMBER  
 2014-003

CITY  
 Albuquerque

STATE  
 NM

ZIP CODE  
 87185

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, REVISION, and DATE  
*Approval of Sandia National Laboratories' Quality Assurance Program Plan for Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material, AS-PT-PD-04, Revision 5 dated June 25, Memorandum from NNSA CO, June 18, 2015.*

6. CONDITIONS
1. Activities conducted regarding Type B and fissile material transportation packagings are to be executed under applicable criteria of 10 CFR Part 71 Subpart H. Authorized activities include: design, procurement, fabrication, assembly, testing, modification, maintenance, repair and use of transportation packagings.
  2. Records shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 71. Specifically:
    - a. Records of each shipment of licensed material shall be maintained for 3 years after that shipment [10 CFR 71.91(a)].
    - b. Records providing evidence of packaging quality shall be maintained for 3 years after the life of the packaging [10 CFR 71.91(d)].
    - c. Records describing activities affecting packaging quality shall be maintained for 3 years after this Quality Assurance Program Approval is terminated [10 CFR 71.135].
  3. Planned and periodic audits of all aspects of the Quality Assurance Program shall be conducted in accordance with written procedures or checklists, by appropriately trained personnel not having direct responsibility in the areas being audited, in accordance with 10 CFR 71.137.
  4. In addition to the requirements of Subparts G and H of 10 CFR 71, and except as specified in Section 5(d), "Conditions," of applicable Certificates of Compliance, each package must be designed, fabricated, acceptance tested, operated, and maintained in accordance with applicable Safety Analysis Report for Packaging requirements; specifically, Chapter 7, "Operating Procedures," Chapter 8, "Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program," and Chapter 9, "Quality Assurance."

FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SIGNATURE

DATE OF ISSUANCE

8/17/15

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 DOE Headquarters Certifying Official  
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