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Dear Mr. Porter

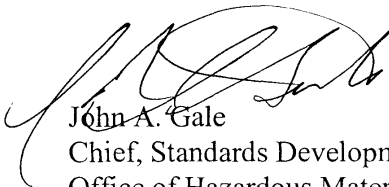
This is in response to your letter requesting clarification of the packaging and marking requirements for the transportation of radioactive materials under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). You indicate that you are shipping a Type A quantity of non-fissile radioactive material in a Type B package.

In order to make the shipment you may:

1. Use a Type B packaging for the transportation of a Type A₁ or A₂ quantity of material (§ 173.415(c)). However, you must select a proper shipping name indicating that the material is in a Type B packaging. In addition, you should include the isotope on the shipping paper and an indication that the Type B packaging contains a Type A quantity of material; or
2. Use a Type B packaging as a Type A packaging. This requires you to convert a Type B packaging to a Type A packaging by removing or covering all markings (including the specification plate) used to indicate that it is a Type B packaging and replacing them with the appropriate Type A markings. In addition, the Type A packaging is a new design and must be certified as meeting the Type A requirements.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact us if you require additional assistance.

Sincerely,



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§173.415(a)
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I am shipping a Type A quantity in a Type B Package. Do I ship it as Type A or Type B, if I ship as Type A how do I mark the outside of the package. DOE/RL-96-57, Vol. 1, Chapter 1.0, 1.4 Use of Type B packaging states (Identification markings should be covered and new marking ("USA DOT-7A TYPE A" and "radioactive material") affixed to the package, pursuant to 49 CFR 173.415(a). Is this the correct method for my shipment?

Thank you
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