WAC 246-231-150 Quality assurance requirements. (1) Purpose.
This section describes quality assurance requirements that apply to
design, purchase, fabrication, handling, shipping, storing, cleaning,
assembly, inspection, testing, operation, maintenance, repair, and
modification of components of packaging that are important to safety.
As used in this chapter, "quality assurance" comprises all those plan-
and systematic actions necessary to provide adequate confidence
that a system or component will perform satisfactorily in service.
Quality assurance includes quality control, which comprises those
quality assurance actions related to control of the physical charac-
teristics and quality of the material or component to predetermined
requirements. Each licensee and applicant for a package approval is
responsible for satisfying the quality assurance requirements that ap-
ply to design, fabrication, testing, and modification of packaging
subject to this chapter. Each licensee is responsible for satisfying
the quality assurance requirements that apply to its use of packaging
for the shipment of licensed material subject to this chapter.

(2) Establishment of program. Each licensee, certificate holder,
and applicant for a certificate of compliance shall establish, main-
tain, and execute a quality assurance program satisfying each of the
applicable criteria in 10 C.F.R. 71.101 through 71.137 and satisfying
any specific provisions that are applicable to the licensee's activi-
ties including procurement of packaging. The licensee, certificate
holder, and applicant for a certificate of compliance shall execute
the applicable criteria in a graded approach to an extent that is com-
mensurate with the quality assurance requirement's importance to safe-
ty.

(3) Approval of program. Before the use of any package for the
shipment of licensed material subject to this chapter, each licensee
shall obtain NRC approval of its quality assurance program. Using an
appropriate method listed in 10 C.F.R. 71.1(a), each licensee shall
file a description of its quality assurance program, including a dis-
cussion of which requirements of 10 C.F.R. 71 Subpart H are applicable
and how they will be satisfied, by submitting the description to: ATTN:
Document Control Desk, Director, Division of Spent Fuel Management,
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

(4) Radiography containers. A program for transport container in-
spection and maintenance limited to radiographic exposure devices,
source changers, or packages transporting these devices and meeting
the requirements of WAC 246-243-120(2), 10 C.F.R. 34.31(b), or equiva-
 lent agreement state requirements, is deemed to satisfy the require-
ments of WAC 246-231-060(2) and 246-231-150(2).

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