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SUBJECT: SUBSEQUENT ARRANGEMENT TO AUTHORIZE ARGENTINA TO CONDUCT, WITH ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY, A POST-IRRADIATION EXAMINATION OF A TEST FUEL ELEMENT MADE FROM LESS THAN ONE KILOGRAM OF U.S.-ORIGIN, LOW ENRICHED URANIUM UNDER THE REDUCED ENRICHMENT FOR RESEARCH AND TEST REACTORS PROGRAM (RERTR)

Dear Ms. Dedik:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has reviewed and does not object to the proposed Subsequent Arrangement authorizing the Argentine Nuclear Energy Commission to conduct, with Argonne National Laboratory, a post-irradiation examination of the uranium silicide fuel element prototype, P-04, under the Reduced Enrichment for Research and Test Reactors Program (RERTR). We understand that this test fuel element contains less than one kilogram of U.S.-origin uranium-235, enriched to 20 percent, and that the fuel element was irradiated at the RA-3 research reactor in Argentina.

Sincerely,

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Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director  
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