

May 9, 2001

Mr. John W. McLeod
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Dear Mr. McLeod:

This is in response to your letter, dated May 3, 2001, concerning the Southwest Research Institute's conduct of work with foreign governments and private industry as specified in the letter. We have reviewed the description of activities you have provided and note your statement that none of these activities involve the export of nuclear material or equipment subject to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's export licensing controls as specified in 10 CFR Part 110. Accordingly, I confirm that these activities do not fall under the export licensing authority of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

To the extent that the Institute's activities involve the transfer of nuclear-related information and technology to foreign entities, I suggest you also confirm with the U.S. Department of Energy that such transfers do not require specific authorization by the Department of Energy pursuant to its nuclear technology export controls as specified in 10 CFR Part 810.

Sincerely,

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Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

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