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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Mr. Melvyn N. Leach, Chief
Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

SUBJECT: REQUET FOR EXEMPTION TO 40.5, "COMMUNICATIONS"

Reference:

- (1) NRC License SMB-920, Docket 40-6940
- (2) NRC correspondence, "Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) System", dated 08/06/01

Dear Mr. Leach:

In accordance with the provision of 40.14, "Specific Exemptions," Cabot Performance Materials, located in Boyertown, PA, is requesting an exemption to 40.5, "Communications." CPM respectfully requests that Commission authorize CPM to submit, electronically, any communications or report concerning the regulations in Part 40 and any application filed under these regulations. It is CPM's belief that this request is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

Sincerely,
CABOT PERFORMANCE MATERIALS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M Knapp".

Timothy M Knapp
Radiation Safety Officer

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