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Dear Mr. Lyman:

I am responding on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to your letter of September 13, 2002, concerning the request by Nordion, Inc. to amend the license authorizing the export of highly-enriched uranium (HEU) targets for medical isotope production using the Canadian MAPLE 1 and 2 reactors and the New Production Facility (NPF) (export license XSNM03060/02). This amendment request is now under review.

The Commission understands that you strongly oppose the pending request to amend the subject HEU export license. I want to assure you that the Commission will take your views into account in our evaluation of all relevant legal and regulatory requirements for this proposed export license amendment.

If you have any further questions on this matter, you should contact Ms. Janice Owens, Office of International Programs, at 301-415-3684.

Sincerely,

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