

December 18, 2002

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Dear Mr. Dolley:

I am responding on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to your letter of November 22, 2002, concerning the application of Transport Logistics to export 25,983 kilograms of depleted uranium as uranium hexafluoride to Japan to be used as test material for the Rokkasho reprocessing facility (export license application XSOU8790).

The NRC is currently reviewing this export license application. This process includes consultation with Executive Branch agencies, which provide their views for Commission consideration. These views will no doubt include consideration of relevant U.S. Government nuclear non-proliferation policies. The Nuclear Control Institute's reasons for opposing the issuance of a license for the Rokkasho facility will be taken into account in the ongoing review.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve