

January 13, 2003

Mr. Norman Ravenscroft
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Dear Mr. Ravenscroft:

This is in response to your letter of December 30, 2002, concerning your company's export license application XSOU8790, involving the proposed export of depleted uranium to Japan.

In your letter you express concern about a recent article in the trade press which implied that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would not be processing your application expeditiously. Let me assure you that this is not the case. At the time the article was written, NRC had not yet received the views of the Executive Branch on the application. These views have now been received and a copy has been provided to you, along with a copy of a subsequent letter to the State Department in which NRC asks the Executive Branch to respond to several questions concerning the export request.

We understand that the Executive Branch is giving urgent attention to NRC's questions. As soon as their response is received, my office will expedite the staff's review and analysis and refer the application promptly to the Commission for final action.

Please call me or members of my staff if there is a need for additional assistance regarding your application.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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