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Ms. Julia M. Barto  
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Barto:

In your August 26, 2004 letter to me you requested additional information in order to be able to evaluate the Model No. F-168 and F-168X packages described in Canadian Certificate of Approval No. CDN/2081/B(U)-96.

With this letter I am enclosing the MDS Nordion response to your request for additional information, a proprietary and a non-proprietary version of the Safety Analysis Report for these packages, and an Affidavit which indicates those parts of the Safety Analysis Report which MDS Nordion considers to contain proprietary information commercially important to the applicant.

Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to contact me at (202) 366-4545 if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Boyle, Chief  
Radioactive Materials Branch  
Office of Hazardous Materials  
Technology

Enclosure  
cc: MDS Nordion Inc.

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