

September 23, 2005

The Honorable Christopher "Kit" Bond, Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary,
and Housing and Urban Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested in an August 23, 2005, letter from Senator Russell Feingold, concerning the status of the Buy American report, I am providing you with the following information, as required by Section 645 of Division F of the Fiscal Year 2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-199). Section 645 requires reporting on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States.

In Fiscal Year 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) did not directly purchase any articles, materials, or supplies manufactured outside the United States. Although some NRC purchases were made through contracts awarded by other agencies, such as General Services Administration Supply Schedules, the NRC does not maintain data on the sources of articles, materials, or supplies in contracts awarded by other agencies.

The NRC looks forward to continuing its support of the Buy American program.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey S. Merrifield
Acting Chairman

cc: Senator Russell D. Feingold
Senator Patty Murray