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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
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Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

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The material to be imported will be in the form of corrosion activation products and mixed fission products, predominantly Co-60, Co-58 and Mn-54. These radioactive contaminants are typically in the form of small, solid particulate metal oxides.

Before taking action on this application, we request your assistance in notifying the Mexican Government of the proposed radioactive waste import into the U.S. and obtaining any comments that the Mexican Government might have in the context of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on Radioactive Waste Management. We also request your views as to whether the subject import will be consistent with the Convention's guidelines. NRC will consult with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the hazardous waste content, the States of Alabama (where ETI is located and licensed to provide the services described) and Utah (where ETI's secondary waste will likely be disposed).

Sincerely,

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