August 23, 2006

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Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR NRC IMPORT LICENSE (IW017) AND EXPORT

LICENSE (XW010)

Dear Mr. Nanney:

Enclosed for your consideration are two applications for licenses (IW017 and XW010), received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from Duratek Services, Inc., for proposed imports from and exports to Canada of radioactive waste. The purpose of the import license is to import up to 6,000 tons of radioactively contaminated materials including metals, dry activity material (wood, paper, and plastic) and liquids (aqueous and organic based) for recycle, incineration or potential use in Duratek operations. The purpose of the export license is to allow waste that is attributable to Canadian sources under the import license to be exported back to Canada for disposal.

Public Notice that NRC received these applications was published in the Federal Register on May 31, 2006 (71 FR 30965). In addition, NRC forwarded Duratek's requests to the U.S. Department of State (DOS) on May 5, 2006, for assistance in notifying the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission of the transactions proposed. NRC also requested DOS's views as to whether approving this amendment will be consistent with the guidelines in the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. A copy of DOS's response is also enclosed. We are now forwarding copies of these two license applications to you and to the Southeast Compact Commission for consideration.

It would be greatly appreciated if within two weeks of the date of this letter, you could respond with comments as to Duratek's authorization to receive and process the imported materials. If that is not possible, we would ask that you advise us of how much additional time may be required to complete your review and provide a written response to NRC.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 301-415-2342 or Ms. Janice Owens at 301-415-3684.

Sincerely,

/RA by Janice Owens for/

Stephen Dembek, Section Chief Export Controls and International Organizations Office of International Programs

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