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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of International Programs
Export Controls and International Organizations
ATTN: Carlotta Coates
Fax: (301) 415-2395

Subject: XR158: Request for License Amendment to Extend Expiration Date

Dear Ms. Coates:

General Atomics (GA) possesses export license number XR158 authorizing the export of a TRIGA[®] Mark II Research Reactor and numerous and various associated components and other items (as described in the license) to the National Center for Energy, Sciences and Nuclear Technologies in the Kingdom of Morocco. GA is pleased to report that there has been substantial progress toward readying the subject reactor for initial startup. However, on the other hand, because of various delays (for example in being able to load fuel into the reactor), there are numerous items authorized to be exported under License XR158 that remain to be shipped. Inasmuch as it will not be possible to ship the balance of the items authorized by XR158 (and needed to complete the project) prior to the current expiration date, GA hereby requests that the expiration date for its license XR158 be extended to December 31, 2009.

Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$320 for the fee associated with responding to this request (i.e., 10CFR170.31 Category 15 (E) "Minor Amendment"). Because of the importance of obtaining the extension as soon as practical, I am faxing you a copy of the signed letter in hopes of expediting the process. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (858) 455-2823, by facsimile (858) 455-2822, or by e-mail at keith.asmussen@gat.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith E. Asmussen".

Keith E. Asmussen, Ph.D., Director
Licensing, Safety and Nuclear Compliance