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April 13, 2007

Henry Rabski, Director
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Processing and Research Facilities Division
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED NRC ACCOMPANIMENT DURING CANADIAN NUCLEAR
SAFETY COMMISSION INSPECTION OF FUEL CYCLE FACILITY**

Dear Mr. Rabski:

This letter is to formalize the request of Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff to accompany members of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) during a fuel facility inspection as well as observe operations at other nearby fuel cycle facilities located in Ontario, Canada during the week of May 14 -18, 2007. In telephone conversations between Mr. Jafir A. Jaferi, of your staff and Mr. John Pelchat of my staff, arrangements have been made for NRC staff from the Region II Office and the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) to accompany CNSC personnel during radiation protection, environmental protection, transportation, and emergency preparedness inspections at the Zircotec Precision Industries, Inc. fuel pellet fabrication facility in Port Hope, Ontario. This accompaniment would be similar to that made by CNSC personnel during an NRC inspection of the Honeywell uranium conversion facility in June 2006. A proposed itinerary for the accompaniments is enclosed.

The NRC personnel participating in this accompaniment will be Mr. Jay L. Henson, Chief, Fuel Facilities Inspection Branch 2; Mr. John M. Pelchat, Senior Fuel Facility Inspector, Fuel Facilities Inspection Branch 2; and, Mr. Michael Raddatz, Senior Project Manager, Enrichment and Conversion Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS

In addition, arrangements have been made for Region II staff to observe operations at the Cameco Corporation uranium conversion facility that is also located in Port Hope, Ontario as well as at the General Electric - Canada fuel assembly fabrication facility in Peterborough, Ontario. It is also our understanding that Mr. Michael Raddatz, the NMSS representative has contacted your staff so that he might travel independently to Ottawa to meet with other CNSC staff to discuss the NMSS licensing process and to exchange technical information relating to the licensing of fuel facilities.

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Pelchat at (404) 562-4729 or via e-mail at jmp2@nrc.gov

Sincerely,

/RA/

Douglas M. Collins, Director
Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

Enclosure: As stated

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ADAMS: X Yes ACCESSION NUMBER: _____

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| E-MAIL COPY? | YES NO | YES NO | YES NO | YES NO | YES NO | YES NO | YES NO |

Proposed Itinerary for Accompaniment of CNSC Personnel by NRC Staff

| Date * | Activity | Location |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 14 May 2007 | Travel to Port Hope, ON | - |
| | Observation of Activities | Cameco Corporation, Port Hope, ON |
| 15 May 2007 | Observation of Activities | Cameco Corporation, Port Hope, ON |
| 16 May 2007 | Inspection Accompaniment | Zircatec Precision Industries, Inc., Port Hope, ON |
| 17 May 2007 | Inspection Accompaniment | Zircatec Precision Industries, Inc., Port Hope, ON |
| 17 May 2007 | Observation of Activities | General Electric - Canada, Peterborough, ON |
| 18 May 2007 | Return travel to the U.S. | - |

* - Dates of actual inspections are notional and are subject to adjustment by CNSC staff so to ensure that inspection program requirements are satisfied.