

April 30, 2007

Mr. Michael Garner, Executive Director
Northwest Interstate Compact on
Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management
Department of Ecology
State of Washington
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR NRC IMPORT LICENSE (IW021)

Dear Mr. Garner:

Enclosed for your consideration is an application for a license (IW021), received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, for the proposed import from Canada of radioactive waste. The purposes of the import license are: 1) to assist both Westinghouse and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission reduce the inventory of U.S.-origin material at a specific facility, and 2) allow the material to be disposed of at the Energy Solutions of Utah site located in Clive, Utah in accordance with an existing agreement between the parties.

To be imported are waste filter cake and shot resulting from the decontamination of steel at Mississauga Metals and Alloys of Ontario, Canada. The steel originally was received from a facility in the United States under NRC Export License XW003. Mississauga is required to return up to 74,843.0 kilograms of filter cake and 122,470.0 kilograms of shot which it expects to generate from the decontamination process. It is expected that these materials will be contaminated with up to 3.506 kilograms uranium-235 contained in up to a total of 72.288 kilograms of uranium with a maximum enrichment of 4.9 weight percent. As noted above, all will be disposed of at the Energy Solutions of Utah site.

Public Notice that NRC received this application was published in the Federal Register on March 23, 2007. In addition, NRC forwarded the Westinghouse request to the U.S. Department of State (DOS) on March 7, 2007, for assistance in formally notifying the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission of the transaction proposed. NRC also requested DOS's views as to whether approving this license application will be consistent with the guidelines of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. We also are forwarding a copy of this request to the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management for consideration.

It would be greatly appreciated if within two weeks of the date of this letter, you could respond with comments as to the Energy Solutions of Utah site's authorization to receive and dispose of these imported materials, or if necessary, provide an estimate of how much additional time may be required to complete your review and provide a written response to NRC.

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Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-2342, or Mr. Paul MacMurdy at (301) 415-1690.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief
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Office of International Programs

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