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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Safety/Rad Waste Directorate

June 5, 2007

Mr. Larry Camper, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Mr. Camper,

This is to confirm recent communications with Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff regarding the intended importation and disposition of certain U.S. Army waste generated in a fire at Camp Doha, Kuwait in 1991. The waste is a mixture of sand and depleted uranium in concentrations less than 0.05% by weight (enclosure 1).


The Camp Doha waste meets the definition of an "unimportant quantity of source material" and is generally exempt from regulation under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 40.13(a). Based on this general exemption, the US Ecology Idaho disposal facility is authorized by its state permit to accept the material. Please confirm that a specific exemption under 10 CFR Part 40.14 is not required for this material.

For your information, a Safety Assessment has been prepared by US Ecology Idaho (enclosure 2) indicating a potential dose of less than a few millirem to members of the public during transportation of the waste from the Port of Houston, Texas to the US Ecology Idaho facility, and to that facility's workers during transfer and disposal.

Finally, we understand the Army may import this material without a specific importation approval based on its classification as an unimportant quantity of source material.

The Army regards timely disposition of this material as a priority and would appreciate timely confirmation that the above understandings are correct. If you or your staff have any questions please contact Mr. Kelly Crooks, AMSJM-SF, at (309) 793-0338, E-mail rock-amsjm-sf@conus.army.mil.

Sincerely,


for

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