

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 7, 2008

Ms. Margaret M. Doane Director, International Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Rockville, Maryland EBViews CBP106 2pages

Dear Ms. Doane:

I refer to the request from your office dated July 11, 2008 requesting the views of the Executive Branch as to whether the issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Atomic Energy Act):

CBP106 -- Halliburton Energy Services Inc. has applied for an NRC license to authorize the export to its joint venture partner in India HLS Asia Limited of Category 2 quantities of americium/beryllium (Am-241/Be) and cesium-137 (Cs-137) in sealed sources for the provision of downhole wireline oil and gas well logging services in India and Bangladesh. Halliburton requests authorization to export to HLS in India five 16 curie Am241/Be logging sources used in a Compensated Thermal Neutron (CTN) Tool; five 1.5 curie Cs-137 sources; and eight 2100 nanocurie Cs 137 sources.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the proposed exports will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and are consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the requested license be issued.

Sincerely,

Richard J. K. Stratford

Director

Nuclear Energy, Safety and Security Affairs

Nicole McClain

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DeLaBarre, Robin [DeLaBarreR@state.gov]

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2008 4:48 PM

To: Cc: Nicole McClain Stephen Baker

Cc: Subject:

RE: Confirmation

Nicole,

In the absence of any indication from the applicants that the information they provided should be protected as proprietary, I have no objection to making the Executive Branch letters on these applications publicly responding to NRC requests for views.

I also have taken note of NRC's revised license numbering system and understand that applications formerly identified as CBP are now identified as PCB.

Robin

From: Nicole McClain [mailto:Nicole.McClain@nrc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 11:04 AM

To: DeLaBarre, Robin **Cc:** Stephen Baker **Subject:** Confirmation

Robin.

Thank you for sending the Executive Branch Views for CBP 101, CBP 106, PCB 103. Please confirm the ppropriateness of allowing this response from the Executive Branch to be made publically available.

Secondly, in reviewing the Executive Branch views letter dated August 07, 2008, it refers to CBP 101.0. OIP recently revised the license numbering scheme and we now identify applications that were once prefixed with 'CBP' with 'PCB'. The Executive Branch response references application CBP101.0 (for a combined import/export license to export Category 2 quantities of Americium-241 and Americium-241/Be to Oman) when we believe it should read PCB101.0.

Would it be possible to receive an email from you confirming this understanding for our records? Any assistance would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Micale D. McClain, Licensing Assistant

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