

September 3, 2008

Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Office of Nuclear Energy Affairs, Room 3318
Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application for a license (IW026), received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), dated August 19, 2008, from UniTech Services Group, Inc. (UniTech), for the import from the Comision Federal de Electricidad, Laguna Verde Nuclear Power Plant in Mexico, of what would be classified as Class A radioactive waste in accordance with 10 CFR §61.55. The materials to be imported will be comprised of radioactively contaminated Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) based items, largely protective clothing worn or used in a nuclear power plant environment. The radioactive contaminants will include several activation and mixed fission products including: Co-60, Mn-54, Fe-55, Ni-63, and Cs-137, which are typically in the form of small, solid particulate metal oxides. The PVA based items will be received and handled in the same fashion as materials from UniTech's domestic customers and dissolved by way of laundering in accordance with UniTech's domestic license.

Before taking action on this application, we request your assistance in notifying the Mexican Government of the proposed radioactive waste import into the U.S. and obtaining any comments that the Mexican Government might have in the context of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on Radioactive Waste Management. We also

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request your views as to whether the subject import will be consistent with the Convention's guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief
Export Controls and International Organizations
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