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TO: NRC/OIP Robin Barnes; Carlotta Coates,
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FROM: ISN/NESS – Robin DeLaBarre
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SUBJECT: Applications ^{PCB}~~CBP~~101, CBP106 & PCB103 -- Weatherford
and Halliburton Applications to Export Category 2 Radioactive Sources to
India, Libya and Oman

Transmitted for NRC action are the Executive Branch letters
recommending approval of the subject applications.

* ATTACHED EMAIL PER DEPT OF STATE Gives approval for public release
* PLEASE REFER TO PCB101 instead of CBP101.0

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August 7, 2008

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

Dear Ms. Doane:

I refer to the letter from your office dated June 24, 2008 for 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):

~~CBP~~^{PCB}101.0 -- Application by Weatherford International Inc. to export Category 2 quantities of americium/beryllium (Am-241/Be) and cesium (Cs-137) in sealed sources to its affiliate Weatherford Oil tool Middle East Ltd. in Oman for use in oil and gas well logging operations. The application also requests authority for exports of smaller sealed sources containing millicurie and microcurie amounts of Am-241, Am-241/Be and Cs-137. The largest Am-241 and Am-241/Be sources exported by Weatherford have an activity level of 16.5 curies; the largest Cs-137 sources have an activity level of 2 curies. The maximum number of large (Category 2) sources that Weatherford would export to Oman would be 3 per year.

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

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

Sincerely,

Richard J. K. Stratford
Director

Nuclear Energy, Safety and Security Affairs

Nicole McClain

From: DeLaBarre, Robin [DeLaBarreR@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 4:48 PM
To: Nicole McClain
Cc: Stephen Baker
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 appropriateness 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,

Nicole D. McClain, Licensing Assistant

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