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Attachments:

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Here are SE Compact's views on the proposed import.

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----Original Message-----

From: Kathryn Haynes [mailto:khaynes@secompact.org]

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October 30, 2008

Mr. Stephen Dembek, Section Chief

Export Controls and International Organizations Office of International Programs U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Application for NRC Import License (IW025)

Dear Mr. Dembek:

Thank you for consulting with the Southeast Compact Commission regarding the application from Eastern Technologies, Inc. for a license (IW025) concerning the import of Class A radioactive waste from Brazil. After further review, I must question the proposed disposal pathway for the residual waste from decontamination of the waste proposed for import.

Page 4 of Attachment 1 states that "ETI will dissolve and decontaminate the material and the residual materials resulting from the decontamination process are considered secondary waste and are shipped by ETI to a third party waste processor for final processing and disposal. This secondary waste is ultimately disposed of at the Clive, Utah radioactive waste disposal site." However, the Northwest Compact Committee does not allow foreign waste to be accepted for disposal at the Clive facility without the approval of a formal agreement, and no such agreement exists at this time.

Therefore, it is a concern for the Southeast Compact Commission that the resulting waste would possibly remain in storage in the region indefinitely.

Best Regards,

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