

January 9, 2009

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575 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite 200  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

SUBJECT: EXPORT AND IMPORT LICENSES XW002, XW008, IW004 AND IW012

Dear Mr. Hickman:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) fee to amend export license XW002 to add another ultimate consignee in Canada is \$3,800, because it cannot be processed as a minor amendment. The NRC will need to seek assurances from the Government of Canada and will initiate review of the amendment (XW002/05) upon receipt of the balance of the processing fee (\$3,080).

I am also writing to request information regarding PermiFix/Diversified Scientific Services, Inc. (PermiFix/DSSI) imports to date under IW004 and IW012 and exports under XW002 and XW008. For your information, I am enclosing copies of two letters received on other radioactive waste import license applications from the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Management. According to these letters: "...no 'arrangement' is in place, as required by the Compact's regulations, that provides access to the region for disposal of foreign low-level wastes. This includes foreign-generated waste that is characterized as domestic waste by another interstate compact or unaffiliated state."

The above referenced import and export licenses authorize the import of radioactive waste for processing (incineration) at PermiFix/DSSI's Industrial Boiler Facility and the export of the waste residue resulting from this process to the originators. To determine whether the issues raised by the Northwest Compact are relevant to PermiFix/DSSI's licenses, the NRC needs the following information:

- 1) Total volumes and activity levels of Class A radioactive mixed waste imported under IW004 and IW012 (respectively) to the Tennessee facility for processing.
- 2) Amounts processed (incinerated).
- 3) Total volumes and activity levels of radioactive waste exported (returned) under the respective licenses XW002 and XW008 after being processed or because it did not conform to specification.
- 4) Types and quantities of radioactive waste generated from processing the imported waste, disposed of in the United States.

Please provide a written response to these questions within three weeks from the date of this letter, or if it is necessary, please provide an estimate of how much additional time may be required to provide a written response to the NRC. Please submit all necessary documentation

to support your responses. All responses should be in units consistent with the units of measurements specified in referenced import and export licenses. Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Janice Owens at (301) 415-3684 or Brooke G. Smith at (301) 415-2347.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief  
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