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MEMORANDUM TO: The File

FROM: Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief /RA/
Export Controls and International Organizations
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: IW018 AND IW024 AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT REQUESTS
TD/FR 2008-03 AND TD/FR 2008-05

The NRC received two requests from the French Government seeking consents for imports (returns) of radioactive waste from AREVA-SOMANU to Duratek Services. The first, dated March 11, 2008, is identified as TD/FR 2008-03, and it appeared to correspond to IW024, which was issued on November 20, 2008 and authorized the return of waste resulting from work performed by AREVA-SOMANU on a water pump from the DC Cook nuclear power plant. The second, dated May 7, 2008, is identified as TD/FR 2008-05, and it also appeared to correspond to IW024, but was later determined to correspond to IW018, which was issued on December 14, 2007 and authorized the return of waste resulting from work performed by AREVA-SOMANU on equipment from the Surry nuclear power plant. The confusion arose because the cover letters for both requests refer to proposed returns of radioactive waste resulting from work on DC Cook equipment. Stephen Dembek (OIP) approved (signed) TD/FR 2008-05 on November 24, 2008, and it was sent to the French Government as well as to the French Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Subsequently, when contacted by the French Embassy about the status of TD/FR 2008-03, OIP staff recognized that there seemed to be some confusion about the two requests and that clarification from interested parties was needed. In an email dated April 8, 2009, the French Embassy indicated that the March 11, 2008 request (TD/FR 2008-03 or SD2/ALG/No. 03-4867) should have referenced the Surry nuclear power plant (IW018), and not the DC Cook nuclear power plant. To clarify understandings regarding the two French Government consent requests, OIP staff decided to annotate them with hand written changes and seek confirmation from the French Embassy and AREVA Lynchburg that they are correct. In an email dated April 20, 2009, the French Embassy confirmed that AREVA-SOMANU accepted the annotated versions of the two requests. In an email dated April 29, 2009, AREVA Lynchburg confirmed that the annotated versions of the two requests are acceptable except that the transport company in Line 11 "Hazmat-Express Ink" should be replaced by "GTS Group." Both requests were further annotated to reflect this change. Amendment No. 01 to import license IW024, to extend the expiration date from March 31, 2009 to December 31, 2009 was issued on May 11, 2009. This allowed OIP to approve (sign) the two marked versions of the consent requests.

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