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Mr. William Brach, Director Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Brach:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies, I request that you review the enclosed French Certificate of Approval No. F/313/B(U)F-96, Revision Iak, for the TN-BGC1 package and make a recommendation concerning our revalidation of the package for import and export use. I request that you limit your review at this time to the transport of content 11 (solid non-irradiated uranium-bearing materials contained within a TN-90 secondary conditioning container) and content 26 (non-irradiated TRIGA fuel elements).

To assist you in your review, technical data to support this review is contained on the enclosed disc.

Since our applicant desires to use this package in upcoming shipments, we request an expedited review and request that you provide an estimate of the time needed to complete your review. If you have any questions or need any additional safety information, please feel free to contact Michael Conroy of my staff at (202) 366-3597 or via email at <u>Michael.Conroy@dot.gov</u>

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Richard W. Boyle, Chief Radioactive Materials Branch Office of Hazardous Materials Technology

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