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ATTN: Document Control Desk
Director, Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Supplemental Request for Expeditious Review of Application for Revision of Air Transportable Package Model Number PAT-1 Certificate of Compliance

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is responsible for the safe, secure and expeditious transportation of materials of national security interest to include plutonium metal in support of the U.S. nuclear weapons and nonproliferation programs. The purpose of this letter is to request the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) expeditious review of the *Air Transportable Package Model Number PAT-1 Safety Analysis Report Addendum* submitted via my letter of: Subject: *Application for Revision of Air Transportable Package Model Number PAT-1 Certificate of Compliance* dated September 21, 2009. A PAT-1 package certified by the NRC for air transport of plutonium metal will provide NNSA the operational capability to transport plutonium metal in regulatory compliant packaging via the safest, most secure and expeditious transport mode.

Please approve this request for the expeditious review of the PAT-1 Safety Analysis Report Addendum, Revision 0, and thereby support NNSA's effort to transport all materials of national security interest in the safest, most secure and expeditious means possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 845-5902.

Sincerely,

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