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The NRC staff has carefully reviewed your request. It has been the NRC's longstanding policy to only approve SGI programs for licensees and applicants or for contractors who are sponsored by those licensees or applicants. Accordingly, consistent with this policy, the NRC is unable to approve your request.

In addition to the above request, your letter points out hesitation on the part of other shippers to accept previous results of background checks. It is not clear from your letter whether you are talking about a transfer between two or more licensees or a contractor/vendor. It again would only be proper to transfer a fingerprint/background check from licensee to licensee under the appropriate regulation.

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