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Office of the Secretary U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications

CORAR Comments to NRC on Request for a License to Import Radioactive Waste Subject: Docket ID NRC-2011-22102

These comments are submitted on behalf of the International Source Suppliers and Producers Association (ISSPA). ISSPA is an association founded by companies that are engaged in the

sealed radioactive sources as an integral component of the radiation processing or treatment system, device, gauge or camera. GE Hitachi is a member of ISSPA.

ISSPA understands that, depending on the final use, the fact that the content of the sources may not be of U.S. origin subjects their import to the licensing requirements of 10 CFR 110. Unfortunately, the phrase "of U.S. origin" in reference to sealed radioactive sources was introduced into 10 CFR 110.2 final rule without having been mentioned in the proposed rule. As such, industry was unable to provide input to the NRC during the comment period on the unintended consequences of and burdens from this restriction, including significant hardship on U.S. companies who conduct business globally and have legal obligations to accept return source shipments. Given the lack of notice and comment, we would recommend that NRC not rely on the phrase "of U.S. origin" to deny this application, and when issuing the import license, provide clarification within the license that recognizes that sources imported for recycling may be imported under the general license §110.27. In addition, we ask that NRC recognize that the intentions of GE Hitachi are consistent with the objectives of the NNSA Global Threat Reduction Initiative, and consider the application in that context.

manufacture, production and supply of sealed radioactive sources and/or equipment that contain

ISSPA supports the approval of this import license application.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this license request. Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely.

Granf Malkoske Chairman, ISSPA **DOCKETED USNRC** 

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The attached letter is being sent to you on behalf of Grant Malkoske, Chairman, International Source Suppliers and Producers Association (ISSPA).

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