

October 2, 2012

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Dear Dr. Thomasson:

I am responding to your e-mail message, dated August 29, 2012, in which you asked the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to prepare a proliferation assessment before a licensing decision is made on the GE-Hitachi Global Laser enrichment application for operation of a large-scale laser enrichment facility. On September 19, 2012, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued its decision authorizing the issuance of the license requested by GE-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment LLC. Subsequently, on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, the NRC staff issued the license.

Regarding the American Physical Society petition for rulemaking, the staff continues to review and evaluate the petition in accordance with NRC regulations and expects to make a recommendation regarding its disposition to the Commission later this year.

Sincerely,

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