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Dear Mr. McNees:

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR NRC IMPORT LICENSE (IW032)

Enclosed for your consideration is an application dated June 4, 2013 (Enclosure 1), received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from Eastern Technologies, Inc. (ETI) requesting a license (IW032) to import radioactive waste from nuclear power plants (NPPs) in Canada. The material to be imported is Class A radioactive waste consisting of contaminated protective clothing and related polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) products.

These materials will be received at the ETI facility located in Ashford, Alabama under the radioactive materials license issued to ETI by the State of Alabama. This license authorizes ETI to collect and treat (i.e., dissolve) PVA based items and manage associated decontamination waste. The residual material from dissolving and decontamination will be returned to the NPPs in Canada under NRC License XW021 (Enclosure 2).

If issued, the license will allow the import of up to 0.074 TBq (2 Ci) per year (maximum of 0.45 TBq (12 Ci) over the life of the license) in the form of contaminated protective clothing and other related products.

This import application (IW032) was forwarded to the U.S. Department of State (DOS) on July 19, 2013, for assistance in notifying Canadian Government authorities of the proposed radioactive waste import in the U.S. NRC also requested DOS's views as to whether approving the application would be consistent with the guidelines of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and Safety of Radioactive Waste Management.

NRC published a Federal Register notice regarding the import license application on July 29, 2013 (Enclosure 3).

It would be greatly appreciated if within three weeks of the date of this letter, you could respond with any comments you may have concerning the import license application (IW032), or if necessary, provide an estimate of how much additional time may be required to complete your review and provide a written response to NRC.

We welcome your response by e-mail or telefax, and request that you refer to NRC license application IW032 in your response. As the NRC's point of contact for this matter, my e-mail address is Charlotte.Abrams@nrc.gov and my telefax number is (301) 415-2396. If you respond by e-mail, please copy your response to Ms. Jenny Tobin at Jennifer.Tobin@nrc.gov. Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-2933 or Ms. Tobin at (301) 415-2328.

Sincerely,



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Office of International Programs

Enclosures:

1. Application Dated 06/04/13
IW032 - Canada
Docket Number 11006100
2. Application Dated 06/04/13
XW021 - Canada
Docket Number 11006101
3. Federal Register Notice

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