

Northwest Interstate Compact
On Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management

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Ms. Brooke Smith, Chief
Export Controls and Nonproliferation Branch
Office of International Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

RE: Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc. Import (IW033) and Export (XW022) License Applications

Dear Ms. Smith:

Although I did not receive a letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the above import and export license applications, I did receive notice of these applications from the Washington State Office of Radiation Protection. At my request, Mr. Stanley Freeman provided me with copies of the applications.

The import license application, IW033, states Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc. (PFNW) will import radium luminized dials containing 0.09 TBq (approximately 2.5 curies) from Active Collection Bureau Limited in the United Kingdom for processing. Upon receipt, PFNW will thermally treat the dials followed by shredding and grouting the non-combustibles to provide a homogenous waste matrix. Following processing, the packaged low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) will be returned to the United Kingdom.

The Northwest Compact has no issue with the requested license applications (IW033 and XW022) provided that all LLRW resulting from processing the radium luminized dials is then returned to the United Kingdom. None of the LLRW is eligible for disposal at either the Richland, WA or Clive, UT commercial disposal sites. This would include any containers used to ship the dials to PFNW that cannot be reused or recycled.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 360/407-7102.

Sincerely,



Mike Garner, Executive Director
Northwest Interstate Compact

cc: Northwest Compact Committee Members