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Dear Mr. Graves:

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION IMPORT
LICENSE (IW034)

Enclosed for your consideration is an application (Enclosure) for a license (IW034) dated October 20, 2016, received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) October 27, 2016, from UniTech Services Group, Inc., concerning the import of 10,000 metric tons of radioactive waste from Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) in Canada for sorting, decontamination, and repackaging at the Oak Ridge facilities in Tennessee. We are sending an analogous letter to Ms. Linda Walters, of the Southeast Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, for her consideration.

The import application was forwarded to the U.S. Department of State (DOS) on November 10, 2016, for assistance in notifying Canadian Government authorities of the proposed radioactive waste import into the United States. On December 20, 2016, DOS responded, indicating that the import and export licenses appear to be consistent with the guidelines of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (ML17024A310).

The NRC originally published a *Federal Register* notice regarding the import license application on February 16, 2017 (ML17047A050), and updated the original notice with a correction on March 6, 2017 (ML17065A017).

It would be greatly appreciated if within 3 weeks of the date of this letter, you could respond with any comments you may have concerning the import license application, 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.

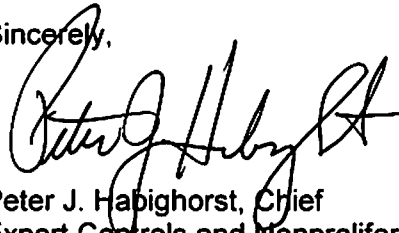
We would welcome your response by e-mail or telefax, and request that you refer to NRC license application IW034 in your response. As the NRC's point of contact for this matter, my e-mail address is Peter.Habighorst@nrc.gov and my telefax number is (301) 415-2395. If you respond by e-mail, please copy your response to Ms. Andrea Jones at Andrea.Jones2@nrc.gov.

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Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (301) 287-9241 or Ms. Jones at (301) 287-9072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Habighorst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "H".

Peter J. Habighorst, Chief
Export Controls and Nonproliferation Branch
Office of International Programs

Enclosure:

Application Dated 10/20/16

IW034 - Canada

Docket Number 11006248

cc w/encl:

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