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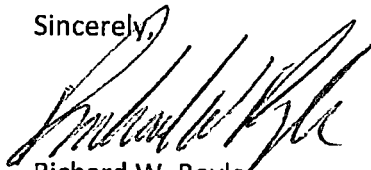
Dear Mr. McKirgan:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies, I request that you review the enclosed Canadian Certificate of Approval No. CDN/2048/B(U)F, Revision 9, for the Model No. F-257 (Serial No. 2) transport package and make a recommendation concerning our revalidation of the package for import and export use.

Our applicant has requested revalidation of the Canadian certificate for the contents as described in the documents contained on the enclosed cd. Please limit your review to consideration of the contents limited to the University of Alberta SLOWPOKE reactor core, as described in those documents. Please note that your office reviewed this package in 2000 for the University of Toronto reactor core and again in 2010-2011 for the Dalhousie University reactor core (NRC Docket No. 71-3054) and recommended revalidation for those limited, specific set of contents. The Safety Analysis Report that was submitted for those prior cases is still applicable.

This request is in support of the U.S. Department of Energy/ National Nuclear Security Administration's Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Acceptance Program. They have indicated a need for our certificate to be issued by June, 2017. I request you provide an estimate of the time needed to complete your review. If you have any questions or need any additional safety information, please feel free to contact Michael Conroy of my staff at (202) 366-3597 or via email at Michael.Conroy@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Boyle", written over a horizontal line.

Richard W. Boyle,
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Enclosures