

June 23, 2017

Ms. Lynda Schneekloth
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Dear Ms. Schneekloth:

I am writing on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in response to your comment e-mail sent to NRC's Office of the Secretary on May 4, 2017, regarding the application for the issuance to an export license XW023 to UniTech Service Group, Inc.

In your comments, you indicated a strong opposition to the issuance of an export license for low-level radioactive waste to Canada; noted that you understand that the proposed import is already authorized under the existing general import license regulations; and expressed concerns regarding the transportation of low-level radioactive waste around the nation's highways and bridges. The NRC is currently conducting its review of the application.

About 3 million packages of radioactive materials are shipped each year in the United States, either by highway, rail, air, or water. Regulating the safety of these shipments is the joint responsibility of the NRC and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The NRC establishes requirements for the design and manufacturing of packages for radioactive materials under Title 10, Energy, of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. U.S. Department of Transportation regulates the shipments while they are in transit, and sets standards for labeling and smaller quantity packages under Title 49, Transportation, of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Therefore, specific concerns about the transport of radioactive material or radioactive waste, discussed in the Unitech export application by highway, rail, air, or water, should be directed to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1-800-467-4922, or via e-mail at phmsa.hm-infocenter@dot.gov.

We have noted your views and I want to assure you that the Commission takes into account all views, as well as relevant legal and regulatory requirements before determining whether to issue an export license.

Thank you very much for your interest and comments on this export application.

Sincerely,

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David L. Skeen, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

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