

June 23, 2017

Ms. Pamela Hughes, Chair
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received your letter dated May 4, 2017, in which you requested that the NRC deny the request for export license XW023 for UniTech Service Group (UniTech).

In your comments, you indicated a strong opposition to the issuance of an export license for low-level radioactive waste to Canada; your objection to the import of the radioactive material; and expressed concerns regarding the transportation of low-level radioactive waste. We take note of your views on the import and export of radioactive material. 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.

I want to assure you that the Commission will take into account all views, as well as relevant legal and regulatory requirements before determining whether to issue an export license. We appreciate your taking the time to write us.

Sincerely,

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David L. Skeen, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: LETTER TO SIERRA CLUB RE: EXPORT LICENSE XW012 FOR UNITECH
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