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**Subject:** NRC License # STC-133; Docket # 04000341; Mail Control # 590787

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Strategic Materials (SM) Scotia, NY Depot previously possessed and stored ore containing uranium and thorium for national defense purposes. Licensable tantalum and other ores and concentrates were stored under the current license, STC-133. All licensable material was sold, and as a result, DLA SM submitted a License Termination Plan to the NRC on April 21, 2016. However, due to mission requirements authorized by Congress, DLA SM will have continued need of its license.

Congress created the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) in the summer of 1939. DLA SM operates the NDS. The NDS Program's mission is to guard against military and essential civilian manufacturing shortfalls caused by constrained access to foreign-produced and limited-source strategic and critical materials. Acquisition and retention of materials is necessary to decrease and preclude, when possible, a dangerous and costly dependence upon foreign sources, or a single point of failure of such materials during and immediately following a national emergency.

Congress has authorized DLA SM to purchase tantalum. Purchasing of tantalum ores will commence in FY18, and the thorium and uranium content will make this material licensable. Please allow us to retract our letter of April 21, 2016. Instead, please allow us to continue operations under our current license, STC-133, expiration date February 29, 2020, to store, sample, repackage and transfer up to 2 million kg of licensable natural uranium and thorium mixtures as ores, concentrates, and solids in accordance with all previously submitted and approved plans and documents in the current license, and in the same manner as our previous operations at the Scotia facility. We anticipate no changes to our current license requirements from this material.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Dewey Blair at (518) 370-3347.

Sincerely,

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