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We have reviewed your request and have determined that the granting of an exemption to reduce the allowable isotopic concentration from 80 percent to 78 percent of plutonium 238 will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

Accordingly, under the authority of the Commission to grant exemptions pursuant to Section 73.5, you are hereby granted a specific exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR Part 73.67 for the possession, use and/or transport of plutonium with an isotopic concentration less than 30 percent of plutonium 238, provided the reduced isotopic concentration of Pu 238 exceeds 78 percent.

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Robert F. Burnett, Director Division of Safeguards, NMSS

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