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Dear Mr. Helfrich:

On behalf of The Radiochemical Centre Ltd. (TRC), we must advise that the export license requests for tritium are not being handled in accordance with the timeliness provisions of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Act of 1978.

It is my understanding that the latest Executive Branch views on export case XB01109 denies action on the case until the current supply on hand at TRC is re-exported.

In November of 1979 we requested an amendment to TRC's existing license XB01005 to ship 10 kci of tritium to Japan. This amendment has yet to be completed in the Executive Branch, and the license has subsequently expired and been returned to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This 10 kci is now part of the current request for 50 kci of bulk tritium for re-export and to delay it further adversely affects TRC's business reputation.

TRC has submitted additional information on their tritium sales, their catalogue of tritium services, their United Kingdom 40 kci quantity site limitation requirement and has fully informed the Dept. of Energy of the full scope of their activities during an on site investigation.

We do not believe it is the intention of U.S. export policy to supply material on "as needed basis" to companies in countries with excellent non proliferation credentials. We would appreciate your looking into The Radiochemical Centre's license cases and re-evaluating any conditions that may be placed on their issuance.

Most cordially yours,  
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