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Mr. James R. Shea Director of International Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Rockville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to the letter from your office dated October 12, 1989, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XB001275 — Application by Safety Light Corporation to authorize export to various countries of up to 15,000 curies of tritium per year to all countries combined for three years and a total of up to 45,000 curies. The tritium will be contained in sealed light sources containing 240 curies each for testing remote airfield lighting.

The Executive Branch has reviewed the proposed export and concluded that the necessary determinations for a recommendation of approval under the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, cannot be made.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the request for a license be denied.

Sincerely,

Richard J. K. Strattord
Deputy Assistant Secretary

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