

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Mr. Carlton E. Thorne, Director Office of Nuclear Export Control Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs U. S. Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Enclosed is an application for an export license XMAT0342 received recently by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the export of 2,500 kilograms of heavy water. The heavy water is to be upgraded in Canada and returned to the United States to be used as a medium in algae growth for biochemical production in medical research.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended by the Nuclear Non-proliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely.

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C. N. (Mike) Smith, Assistant Director for International Security, Exports and Materials Safety International Programs Office of Governmental and Public Affairs

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Enclosure: Appl. dtd 12/28/89 (XMAT0342 - Canada)

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Mr. R.N. Moore Assistant Director for International Security Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Station 3-H-5 Washington, DC 20555

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Dear Mr. Moore:

Martek Corporation's NRC export licence (*XMAT0335) for deuterium oxide expired on August 31, 1989. We are now requesting a new export license for deuterium oxide with an increase in export quantity from 975.5 kg to 2,500 kg.

We plan to increase our manufacturing capacity of deuterium-labeled biochemicals over the next year and a half. Our present plan is to continue to import 99.8% D_2O from Ontario Hydro (Canada). This heavy water is used as a medium to grow algae for the production of labeled biochemicals useful in medical research. After growing and harvesting these cells, the used D_2O is returned to Canada for upgrading. As a consequence of this constant recycling, there should be no more than about 500 kg on the premises at any one time.

If you would like any further details of our processes, I would happy to provide this information.

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Sincerely.

Jacques Delente Senior Vice-President, Operations

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