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Dear Mr. Larsen:

This is in response to your telefax inquiries of February 2, 7, 14 and 15, 1994 regarding whether the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has export licensing jurisdiction over Osmium-187, and whether it is subject to regulations under "stockpiling of strategic materials."

The isotope Osmium-187 is non-radioactive and is not a byproduct material produced by exposure to the radiation incident to the process of producing or using special nuclear material, and, therefore, not under U.S. NRC export licensing jurisdiction.

Regarding your question as to whether the material is subject to regulations under "stockpiling of strategic materials," we have been advised by the U.S. Department of State that there are currently no U.S. export regulations regarding stockpiling of strategic materials. Additionally, Osmium is not on the U.S. Department of Commerce commodity control list for any reason, including short supply.

If you have additional questions regarding this subject, please call Betty Wright, Export Licensing Officer, at (301)504-2342.

Sincerely,

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