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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 please find a letter dated November 14, 1990 from the U.S. Department of the Army requesting an amendment to export license XB001141. Condition B on the current license limits the quantity of tritium that can be exported to any one country per year to 10,000 curies. The licensee is requesting that this limit be increased to 50,000 curies in order for them to fulfill a foreign military sales (FMS) request for Austria. In response to our request, the licensee provided a copy of the FMS by letter dated December 27, 1990. The December 27th letter is considered proprietary by the licensee and will not be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. This information should be given corresponding protection during the Executive Branch review process.

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 amendment meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Please note that the licensee is requesting expeditious processing.

Sincerely,

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Ronald D. Hauber, Assistant Director Exports, Security, and Safety Cooperation International Programs Office of Governmental and Public Affairs

Enclosure: 1. Ltr. dtd. 11/14/90 (XB001141/06 - Various) 2. Ltr. dtd. 12/27/90

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November 14, 1990

Safety Office

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Governmental and Public Affairs International Programs ATTN: Ron Hauber Mail Stop 3H5 One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland 20852

Reference: AMCSF-P/90-0215

Gentlemen:

Forwarded are two copies of the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command's request to amend export license number XB001141. The amendment request increases the dispersed tritium quantity authorized for export to any one country per year from 10,000 curies to 50,000 curies. No individual source exceeds 10 curies.

We would appreciate expeditious processing, since we have a foreign military sales request for Austria awaiting approval.

Please acknowledge receipt of correspondence on the enclosed DA Form 209, Delay, Referral or Follow-Up Notice. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 703 274-5476.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Acting Chief Safety Office

Copies Furnished: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III HQDA(SGPS-PSP-E) Commander, AMCCOM, ATIN: AMSMC-SF Director, USAMC Field Safety Activity, ATTN: AMNOS

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MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command, ATTN: AMCSF-P, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22333-0001

FOR Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 799 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

SUBJECT: Amendment to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) License XB001141

1. Request NRC License XB001141 be amended to increase the allowable export of dispersed tritium to any one country per year from the current 10,000 curies to 50,000 curies.

2. This amendment is necessary due to recent increases in foreign military sales of commodities containing tritium illuminated devices for use in night firing of weapon systems. No individual source exceeds 10 curies.

3. The POC is Mr. Kelly Crooks, AMSMC-SFS, DSN 793-2969, (309) 782-2969.

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