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Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Charles E. MacDonald
Chief, Transportation Branch
Division of Safeguards and Transportation, NMSS
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

The U.S. Department of Energy hereby requests a two-year extension of the expiration date - to March 31, 1993 - for NRC Certificate of Compliance 5597 for the Tungsten-Shielded cask. The extension is requested in order to give DOE time to perform a complete technical review and confirmatory analysis of the Safety Analysis Report for Packaging and to resolve any technical issues with the applicant.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Frank Punch (353-6020) or Steve Primeau (353-4210) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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