

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



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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

James R. Shea, Director

Office of International Programs

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED LICENSE TO EXPORT BYPRODUCT MATERIAL

TO BELGIUM (XB001172)

On December 22, 1982, the National Bureau of Standards applied for a license to export small amounts of special nuclear material (SNM) and byproduct material to Belgium for use in measurements at the Venus reactor. These measurements are supported by an NRC contract on pressure vessel surveillance dosimetry.

The applicant has requested expeditious handling of the license application in order for the material to be shipped immediately to meet the test schedule which is to begin on January 10, 1983.

With regard to the proposed export of the SNM, this material does not require an export license because it will be used as part of an intergovernmental cooperative activity. (Please see 10 CFR Part 110, §110.12.)

With regard to the 567 microcuries of Neptunium-237, the staff has concluded that the proposed export meets the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, and would not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States.

In view of the above considerations, the staff issued the license without the normal 15-day waiting period.

James R. Shea, Director

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