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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.
940 W. St. Paul Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233
Attn: Stella Ward

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you, in accordance with the requirements of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act, that NRC has not completed licensing action on the below listed applications for deuterium which were received by NRC over 60 days ago:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country of Destination</u>
XMAT0006	Belgium
XMAT0009	Belgium
XMAT0010	West Germany

We are unable to issue licenses on these export requests because they do not meet criterion 3 of Section 110.42(b) of our licensing regulations. Specifically, criterion 3 states that "no such equipment or material will be retransferred without the prior approval of the United States."

To meet this requirement, the Department of State has contacted the Belgian and West German governments with respect to obtaining generic assurances that no retransfers will be permitted without US approval. These assurances have not yet been received. We have taken steps, however, to act expeditiously on your license applications upon receipt of the assurances.

Sincerely,

James R. Shea, Director
Office of International Programs

cc: L. Nosenzo, DOS

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