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Washington, D.C. 20520

April 16, 1999

Ms. Janice Dunn Lee Acting Director, International Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Rockville, Maryland

X5048762 Docket No.11005089

Dear Ms. Lee:

I refer to the letter from your office dated March 10, 1999, requesting the views of the Executive Branch as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XSOU8762 - Application by Aerojet Ordnance Tennessee Inc. for authorization to export to Canada up to 113,398 kilograms of natural uranium for testing by Cameco for possible qualification of Aerojet as a supplier of Atomic Vapor Laser Isotopic Separation (AVLIS) feed rods. Cameco is a subcontractor for the United States Enrichment Corporation in the AVLIS program.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the proposed export would not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

The proposed export to Canada would take place pursuant to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States and Canada, as amended, as confirmed in the enclosed letter dated April 15, 1999 from the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada. Canada has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends issuance of the requested license. 9905030308 990416 PDR XPORT

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Sincerely,

Richard J. K. Stratford Director Nuclear Energy Affairs

Enclosure: assurance letter.

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Ms. Trisha Dedik Director Nuclear Transfer and Supplier Policy Division Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585 USA

Dear Ms. Dedik:

Reference is made to your letter dated 29 March 1999, concerning licence XSOU8762.

I confirm that the transfer of the material as identified on the above-noted licence application will be subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Cooperation concerning the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States, and that the intermediate consignee, Cameco Corporation, Port Hope, Ontario is authorized to receive and possess the material.

Yours sincerely,

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