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Dr. D. Moffett, General Manager Research, Technology and Environment Cameco P.O. Box 3430, Station "C" Ottawa, Ont. K1Y4J6

Dear Dr. Moffett:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), has reviewed the information and data provided by you concerning your request to dispose of Cameco's waste generated during the production of uranium hexafluoride.

Based on our review, the NRC has determined that the combined uranium and thorium content of the waste is an unimportant quantity of source material pursuant to 10 CFR 40.13(a). Therefore, NRC has no objection to your proposal to import the waste and dispose of it in a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or state permitted hazardous waste facility.

The NRC recommends that you contact the U.S. Department of State and the EPA to assure that those agencies have no objection to your proposal. Attached is correspondence the NRC has received from the U.S. Department of State (DOS), during the course of its evaluation. You should note that it has been suggested that Cameco test the material it wishes to send to the U.S. in order to determine if this material is hazardous waste. The NRC recommends that you pursue this matter with the DOS and EPA.

Finally, you should be aware that the NRC determination of no objection to your proposal pertains only to the radioactive content of the waste. It may be that Cameco will have to comply with other federal and state regulations in order to dispose of the calcium fluoride waste in the U.S.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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