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Counselor Patricia Espada
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Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Counselor Espada:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has received from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission the enclosed application XSNM3111, a request for a license to export one (1) kilogram low-enriched uranium (LEU) in the form of metal targets for use by the National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA) of Argentina for testing and demonstrating targets and chemical processes for producing the isotope molybdenum-99 using LEU. This work is done in support of the Reduced Enrichment Research and Test Reactors (RERTR) Program. In order to continue processing this application, DOE will need written confirmation of the following from the appropriate government agency:

- a. the transfer of the material, as identified on the license application, will be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Cooperation for Civil Uses of Atomic Energy between the Government of the United States and the Government of Argentina, which entered into force on October 16, 1997;
- b. the consignees, as identified on the application, are authorized by your Government to receive and possess the material.

To facilitate the processing of this application within sixty days, as required by Section 126.a of the Atomic Energy Act, we would appreciate receiving your response as soon as possible following the receipt of this letter. This request for written confirmation of the particulars noted above is a normal requirement of the licensing process and is not to be construed as indicating favorable action on the license application.

Sincerely,

Jack Caravelli, Ph.D.
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Nuclear Transfer and Supplier Policy Division
Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Betty Wright, NRC
Mr. Robin Delabarre, DOS

