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Ms. Gloria M. Bennington Spent Fuel Project Office U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Route Approval

Dear Ms. Bennington:

NIST is planning to make a shipment of spent fuel to DOE Savannah River Site in the near future using the same previously approved route. Because the current approval recently expired, NIST respectfully requests renewal of the route approval by NRC. We would greatly appreciate receiving the renewal by September 20, 1999 in order to complete shipping plans. If you need more information, please contact Tawfik Raby at (301) 975-6257. Thank you for your continued help.

Sincerely,

Michael Rowe

Director

NIST Center for Neutron Research

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