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Mr. William Brach, Director Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Brach:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our Agencies, I am requesting that you review the enclosed U.S. Department of Energy Certificate of Compliance 5467, Revision 11, dated July 15, 1999, and the safety analysis report (SARP) HN-SD-TP-SARP-019, Revision G for the Steel Banded Wooden Shipping Container (SBWSC) packagings and make a recommendation about our revalidation of the certificate for import and export shipments. enclosed two copies each of the U.S. Department of Energy certificate and the safety analysis report.

I request you provide an estimated completion date for your review and recommendation. Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to contact me or Mr. Wendell Carriker of my staff at (202)366-4545 if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Richard W / B / yle, Chief

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