

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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March 3, 2000

Mr. Robin DeLaBarre Non-Proliferation/Nuclear Energy Affairs (NP/NEA) Department of State Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application from Wah Chang for a license to export 32 zircaloy-4 Trex tubes to Argentina for use in the Atucha 1 nuclear power reactor.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your obtaining necessary assurances under Section 109b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely.

Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director Office of International Programs

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Enclosure: Appl. Dtd. 2/24/00

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