

EDO Principal Correspondence Control

FROM: DUE: 03/08/11

EDO CONTROL: G20110116  
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FINAL REPLY:

Senator John Barrasso

TO:

President Obama

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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CRC NO: 11-0070

Chairman Jaczko

DESC:

ROUTING:

American Uranium Reserves to Atomredmetzoloto  
(ARMZ) - Export License (EDATS: SECY-2011-0081)

Borchardt  
Weber  
Virgilio  
Ash  
Muessle  
OGC/GC  
Miller, FSME  
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Burns, OGC  
Schmidt, OCA

DATE: 02/18/11

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CONTACT:

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Rihm

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Ref. G20110109. Please prepare response in accordance with OEDO Notice 2009-0441-02 (ML093290179). FSME and OIP to provide input to Roger Rihm, OEDO, if required. Roger Rihm will coordinate response with OGC and OCA. Provide a copy of response to SECY for closeout with the White House Document Tracking Unit. Note: This is a referral from DOE (Ltr. dated 2/14/11).

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## General Information

**Assigned To:** OEDO

**OEDO Due Date:** 3/8/2011 11:00 PM

**Other Assignees:**

**SECY Due Date:** 3/10/2011 11:00 PM

**Subject:** American Uranium Reserves to Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ) - Export License

**Description:**

**CC Routing:** FSME; OIP; OGC; OCA

**ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming:** NONE

**Response/Package:** NONE

## Other Information

**Cross Reference Number:** G20110116, LTR-11-0070

**Staff Initiated:** NO

**Related Task:**

**Recurring Item:** NO

**File Routing:** EDATS

**Agency Lesson Learned:** NO

**OEDO Monthly Report Item:** NO

## Process Information

**Action Type:** Letter

**Priority:** Medium

**Signature Level:** Chairman Jaczko

**Sensitivity:** None

**Urgency:** NO

**Approval Level:** No Approval Required

**OEDO Concurrence:** YES

**OCM Concurrence:** NO

**OCA Concurrence:** NO

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## Document Information

**Originator Name:** Senator John Barrasso

**Date of Incoming:** 12/21/2010

**Originating Organization:** Congress

**Document Received by SECY Date:** 2/17/2011

**Addressee:** President Obama

**Date Response Requested by Originator:** NONE

**Incoming Task Received:** Letter

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

Date Printed: Feb 17, 2011 09:32

PAPER NUMBER: LTR-11-0070 LOGGING DATE: 02/16/2011

ACTION OFFICE: EDO | OIP | OGC | OCA

AUTHOR: SEN Dr. John Barrasso

AFFILIATION: CONG

ADDRESSEE: PRES Barack Obama

SUBJECT: Expresses concern with NRC's decision to approve the sale of American uranium reserves to Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ)

ACTION: Signature of Chairman

DISTRIBUTION: OCA to Ack, RF

LETTER DATE: 12/21/2010

ACKNOWLEDGED: No

SPECIAL HANDLING: White House Referral # 1045344

EDO to coordinate response with OIP, OGC, and OCA.

NOTES: Provide copy of outgoing to SECY for closeout with the White House Document Tracking Unit  
Referral forwarded to NRC from the Department of Energy (Letter dated 02/14/2011)

FILE LOCATION: ADAMS

DATE DUE: 03/10/2011

DATE SIGNED:

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# United States Senate

1045344  
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December 21, 2010

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am contacting you to express my strong concerns regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) recent decision to approve the sale of American uranium reserves to Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ).

ARMZ is owned by the Russian government and has sought to acquire a controlling stake in the Canadian owned Uranium One, Inc. This transaction would give the Russian government control over a sizable portion of America's uranium production capacity. Equally alarming, this sale gives ARMZ a significant stake in uranium mines in Kazakhstan.

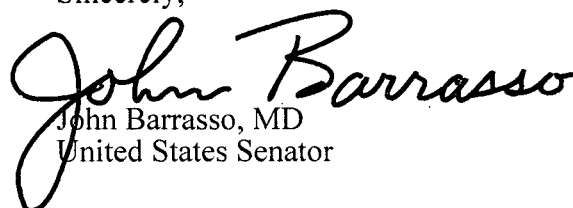
As you know, Russia has a disturbing record of supporting nuclear programs in countries that are openly hostile to the United States. Russia has directly aided Iran's nuclear development and agreed on October 15, 2010 to help develop Venezuela's nuclear program. This record is at great odds with our own national security.

America's national and energy security must be paramount in any future decisions by your administration. As was communicated to the NRC by my staff prior to the sale, I remain concerned with any attempt to grant an export license to ARMZ which would allow the Russian government to ship U.S. uranium overseas. I would request immediate notification should ARMZ file for a license with the NRC to export U.S. uranium.

In light of this recent NRC decision, developing U.S. uranium is critical. The U.S. imports nearly 90 percent of the uranium used in America's nuclear power plants. Currently more than a dozen license applications are pending with the NRC for uranium mines in Wyoming. These delayed applications, dating back as far as 2007, are unacceptable. I ask that you work with me to ensure an active and strategic domestic uranium industry that lessens our dangerous dependence on foreign imports.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

  
John Barrasso, MD  
United States Senator

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Washington, DC 20585

February 14, 2011

Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook  
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook

On February 4, 2011, the enclosed letter to the President from Senator Barrasso was forwarded to the Department of Energy for response. Because the subject of the letter does not fall within the purview of the Department of Energy, we are forwarding the letter to your agency:

If you have any questions, please call me on 202-586-8923.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Mackall".

Brenda L. Mackall  
Work Group Leader  
Correspondence and Records Management  
Office of the Executive Secretariat

Enclosure

