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Before taking action on this application, we request your assistance in notifying the Chinese Government of the proposed radioactive waste import into the U.S. and obtaining any comments that the Chinese Government might have in the context of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on Radioactive Waste Management. We also request your views as to whether the subject import will be consistent with the Convention's guidelines.

Sincerely,

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