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Dear Ms. Sampson:

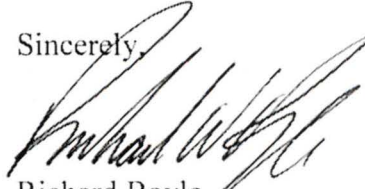
In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies, I request that you review the enclosed French Certificate of Approval No. F/313/B(U)F-96, Revision Jbb, for the TN-BGC1 package and make a recommendation concerning our revalidation of the package for import and export use.

At this time, I request you limit your review to considerations related to the special condition we have imposed in our revalidation of the French certificate which prohibits shipment of uranium metallic powder under content number 11. Our applicant has asked for a relaxation of that condition to permit shipment of non-pyrophoric uranium metallic powder. Our applicant has indicated a need to ship such material from Argonne National Laboratory to France, tentatively scheduled for July, 2015 as noted in their enclosed letter. Our restriction on uranium metallic powder is based on a previous NRC review of this package as described in the attached June 12, 2009 letter and Safety Evaluation Report.

On November 19, 2013 I requested that you review this package, limited to content number 11 (non- irradiated uranium-bearing materials in any solid form) and content number 26 (TRIGA fuel) from the French certificate. In your February 11, 2015 letter you advised me that you have terminated your review of this package design because you have not received the information you requested in your January 30, 2014 request for additional information (Docket No. 71-3034, TAC No. L24858). I do not anticipate a response from our applicant to your request for additional information until May, after which I will request your reconsideration of my previous request.

Since our applicant desires to use this package in upcoming shipments, we request you provide an estimate of the time needed to complete your review. If you have any questions or need any additional safety information, please feel free to contact Michael Conroy of my staff at (202) 366-3597 or via email at Michael.Conroy@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Boyle", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Boyle
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Enclosures