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Director
Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
U.S. Nuclear Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Annual Record and Report of Transfer for 2021

Attn: Document Control Desk/Exempt Distribution

To whom it may concern,
This annual report is being filed for the following Licensee:

Champion Aerospace, LLC
1230 Old Norris Road
Liberty, SC 29657

NRC Materials License No. 39-23825-01E
SC DHEC Radioactive Material License No. 505

Champion Aerospace manufactures ignition exciters, some of which contain a small amount of radioactive Tritium gas in the high voltage switching component referred to in this document as a "Spark Gap". Spark gaps have been used in turbine engine ignition systems on aircraft since the 1940s. They are a simple and reliable high voltage switch. They do require a small dose of radioactive gas in their construction. The fundamental issue is that a radioactive isotope is required to maintain a consistent spark gap ionization voltage over the unit's operating life. Without the small amount of tritium gas in the spark gap, the ionization voltage of the gap can vary significantly over time and result in a potential decrease in the delivered energy of the exciter. There is no alternative material that Champion can propose for use in our spark gaps that is more benign than Tritium. Currently Champion produces six different spark gaps and transfer these in either top level exciters or as spare parts. The part numbers are as follows:

307083, 307083-1, 307083-2, 307083-3, 307226, 307532 and 307535

Champion currently purchases the Tritium gas from a commercial supplier of the material. That manufacturer is Canadian Nuclear Laboratories in Chalk River, Ontario Canada. Their contact information is listed below for future reference:

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (Formerly AECL)
286 Plant Road
Chalk River, Ontario
K0J 1J0
Phone: (613) 584-3311

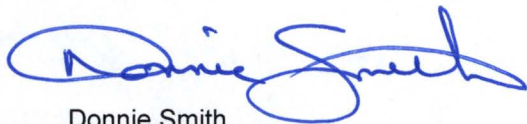
All of the spark gaps listed in this report were transferred for use under 10 CFR 30.15 (a)(8)(i) and are listed by year, part number, quantity transferred, and total micro-curies transferred. See attachments.

SPARK ✶ IGNITE ✶ EXCITE

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If there are any questions concerning this report please contact me at 864-843-5387.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donnie Smith", with a stylized, cursive script.

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Enclosures

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2021 Total Tritium Transferred

Spark Gap Part Number	# Transferred	Tritium Dose/Gap μ Curie	Total Tritium Transferred μ Curie
307083	739	28	20692
307083-1	140	28	3920
307083-2	1279	28	35812
307083-3	200	28	5600
307226	90	5.9	531
307532	934	4.6	4296.4
307535	259	28	7252
Totals	3641		78103.4