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Fwd: Article about White Mesa

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Good Morning

I just wanted to close the loop on the discussions on the White Mesa article and consultation with a senior colleague, I learned the prevailing regulatory citation for the proposed Estonia import is Section 110.27(a) General License for Import, which states in part, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, a general license is issued to any person to import byproduct, source, or special nuclear material if the U.S. consignee is authorized to receive and possess the material under the relevant NRC or Agreement State regulations.

- (b) The general license in paragraph (a) of this section does not authorize the import of more than 100 kilograms per shipment of source and/or special nuclear material in the form of irradiated fuel.
- (c) Paragraph (a) of this section does not authorize the import under a general license of radioactive waste.

I spoke to both Phillip and David, and the NRC has determined that the proposed shipment can be imported under the general license and a specific import license is not required. In addition, the alternative feed is not radioactive waste, as defined in Part 110. My apologies for any confusion, but I wanted to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Best,

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Hello,

My name is Andrea Jones and I work for the U.S. NRC, as an Licensing Officer. After reading the article: https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/05/21/radactive-waste-estonia/, it appears more information is needed to make a

determination on whether an specific license to import this material is needed. As a matter of reference, 10 CFR 110.27, states in part, a general license does not authorize the import of more than 100 kilograms per shipment of source material.

Could you assist the NRC in contacting the appropriate person at the White Mesa Mill to determine where an import license is needed for this shipment, based on the quantity per shipment. The article indicates that 2,000 drums of byproduct will be stored on site. And we are not able to determine how many kilograms is planned for each shipment.

Thanks in Advance for your assistance

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