

the Department of Energy, which also fills commercial requirements. We have been assured by USA officials that their Oak Ridge facility, which manufactures tritium, has ample supplies for all requirements. Once again I find your letter erroneous and misleading.

Your persistent connection of Canadian tritium to weapons is not only incorrect, but misleading. Commercial, medical and research applications of tritium contribute to the safety, health and well-being of both individuals and general populations. Tritium facilitates such safety-related products as instrument dials, exit signs and emergency markers for commercial aircraft and air ambulance guidance. The benefits to modern medicine of radioisotopes in general are well known and the support of fusion research will assist the development of a new energy source which will be of benefit to all mankind.

Ontario Hydro is the subject of a number of statements in your letter with regard to which I believe, best placed to respond. I can assure you, however, that my officials have found Ontario Hydro representatives to be well-informed, open, and cooperative in responding to their enquiries as regards Ontario Hydro's tritium-related activities.

In conclusion, I believe the Canadian Government has responded in a timely and effective manner to an evolving industrial and technological situation, and to potential commercial opportunities for Canadian companies, by applying to possible tritium exports, in an appropriate way, its nuclear non-proliferation policy as regards nuclear exports. That policy, developed and consistently applied by successive Canadian Governments since 1965, is designed to ensure that Canada's nuclear exports, including tritium, will not be used for nuclear weapon or other nuclear explosive purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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