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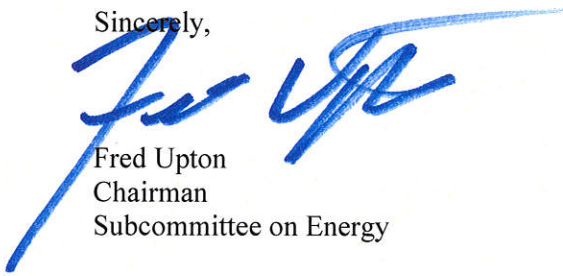
Dear Mr. Atkins:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on February 6, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "DOE Modernization: Advancing the Economic and National Security Benefits of America's Nuclear Infrastructure."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Kelly Collins, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [kelly.collins@mail.house.gov](mailto:kelly.collins@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

**Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record**

**The Honorable Fred Upton**

1. Your testimony suggests review times for Part 810 specific authorizations have dropped from 18 to 12 months. Does this reduction in processing time include authorizations that are now deemed exports? If so, please do a side by side comparison that excludes the things that are now deemed exports.
2. During the hearing you noted that DOE is looking at actions that can reduce processing times, such as providing the Secretary the authority to approve authorizations contingent on receiving assurances from the Department of State. Please provide further detail regarding the prospective policy changes the Department is considering improving the efficiency of specific authorization approval, including expected timeframes and milestones.
3. Your testimony noted that NNSA is “looking at capability to meet High-assay LEU” for commercial needs. Will you please describe the nexus between NNSA’s material management and opportunities to provide high-assay LEU for commercial purposes?