



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Richard Woodward  
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Dear Mr. Woodward:

We are pleased to inform you that in support of the U. S. Department of Energy's (DOE) commitment to the production of californium-252 (Cf-252), its Office of Nuclear Physics, within the Office of Science, has just signed a four-year contract with the three primary manufacturers of the isotope. This contract will ensure continued, uninterrupted supply of Cf-252 in the near-term and with recent infrastructure improvements to support this program including the use of Recovery Act funds, the DOE Isotope Program has every expectation to remain a supplier of this key isotope into the foreseeable future.

The staff in the Office of Nuclear Physics and at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) made every effort to prevent any interruption of Cf-252 supply. We met with industrial representatives and source manufacturers on several occasions over the past year to understand the needs and interests in Cf-252. We are thankful to each of the three manufacturers—Frontier Technology Corp (Xenia, OH), GE Hitachi (Wilmington, NC), and QSA Global (Burlington, MA)—for their efforts in working with our Office in developing an agreement and bringing it to completion for the continued production and supply of Cf-252. We also wish to thank the Cf-252 users who have lent support to this program both financially, and administratively, in reaching the new supply agreement.

We look forward to providing a quality product as scheduled and as needed, increasing production to meet future demand.

Best regards,

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