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Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

References: 1) Docket No. 70-143; SNM License 124
2) Letter from B.M. Moore to NRC, License Amendment Request for the Oxide Conversion Building and Effluent Processing Building at the BLEU Complex, dated October, 23, 2003 (21G-03-0277)
3) NFS/NRC Focus Group Meeting in Richland, WA, January 13-14, 2004

Subject: Nuclear Criticality Safety Analysis (Tank Gallery Studies) for the BLEU Complex Oxide Conversion Building (Proprietary and Non-Proprietary Versions)

Dear Sir:

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) is hereby providing the subject analysis to support the referenced licensing action for the BLEU Project Oxide Conversion Building and Effluent Processing Building (Reference 2). The NRC requested this analysis during the referenced focus group meeting (Reference 3).

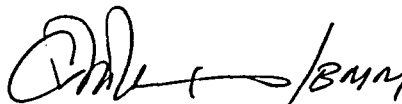
Attachment I to this letter contains proprietary information, as set forth in the enclosed affidavit, that should be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2.790. A non-proprietary version of the attachment suitable for public disclosure is provided in Attachment II.

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If you or your staff have any questions, require additional information, or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me, or Mr. Rik Droke, Licensing and Compliance Director at (423) 743-1741. Please reference our unique document identification number (21G-04-0015) in any correspondence concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BMM' with a stylized flourish.

B. Marie Moore
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Attachment

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cc:

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I, F. Keith Guinn, Vice President and Principal Scientist at Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), that to the best of my knowledge and beliefs, make the following representation contained herein:

- A. The following document(s) which Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) wishes to have withheld from public disclosure is:

Attachment I to Letter dated January 23, 2004, B. Marie Moore to Director, NMSS, "Nuclear Criticality Safety Analysis Tank Gallery Studies" Revision 0 (54T-03-0037)

- B. The information contained in the document(s) cited in A above has been held in confidence by Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), in that it contains trade secrets or commercial information as specified in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2.790(a). The basis for requesting that this document(s) be withheld from public disclosure is explicitly marked on the cover page to each of the aforementioned documents and/or the top of each affected page, as appropriate, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(b)(i)(B).
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- D. The proprietary information that Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) requests to be withheld from public disclosure is contained in the entire document(s) as so marked.

F. Keith Guinn
F. Keith Guinn
Vice President and Principal Scientist

1/23/2004
Date

I certify the above named person appeared before me and executed this document on this the 23rd day of January 2004.

Lurel S. Nutty
Notary Public

My commission expires: 2/04/2007

