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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE/ACKNOWLEDGMENT REVIEW OF THE LICENSE
APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FOR MIXED OXIDE FUEL
FABRICATION FACILITY

Dear Mr. Gwyn:

In anticipation of the submittal of the license application (LA) to possess radioactive material for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, we are providing information regarding the process and schedule the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will use in the performance of an acceptance/acknowledgment review of the LA and associated documents.

The staff plans on performing the acceptance/acknowledgment review of the LA and associated documents within a 60 day period. We are planning on a longer review than the standard 30 days because of the volume of material that will be submitted. Following the completion of the acceptance/acknowledgment review, the staff will provide a letter to you with the findings of our review.

The acceptance/acknowledgment review will not be a technical review. It is an evaluation for completeness of the application and of general omission of information. The acceptance/acknowledgment review will consist of:

- A determination that all necessary sections of the application are complete.
- Verification that all necessary attachments are included (e.g., a security plan).
- Identification of requests for exemptions from the regulations or significant deviations from the standard review plan.
- Verification that proprietary information has been identified and the proper affidavit has been included.
- Identification of any specific technical issues that could become problematic during the review. The issues that could be identified at this stage would rise to the level of "show stoppers" that may impact the ability of NRC to license the facility.

The basis for the review will be NUREG-1718, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for a Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility."

If you have any questions please give me a call at (301)-415-6195.

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Sincerely,

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