

June 8, 2012

Mr. Jay Laughlin
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Eunice, NM 88231

SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST 12-04 REVISION TO LICENSE
CONDITION 30 OF LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES MATERIALS LICENSE
SNM-2010 (TAC L34150)

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

On March 20, 2012, Louisiana Energy Services (LES) submitted a license amendment that requested a revision to License Condition (LC) 30 of Material License SNM-2010. The purpose of the amendment was to address the guidance in Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.74, "Guidance for Fuel Cycle Facility Change Processes" (RG 3.74). RG 3.74 recommends that Part 70 licensees have specific authorizations, within their license, allowing them to make modifications to some license basis documents without prior Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval.

The NRC staff has reviewed the information provided in both your March 20, 2012, April 10, 2012, and May 24, 2012, letters as documented in the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report (SER) as Enclosure 1, and finds that the proposed LC has been drafted in compliance with both the guidance of RG 3.74 and the information provided in the NRC letter to LES dated February 3, 2012. Based on these findings, the amendment request is approved and license SNM-2010 has been modified to reflect this action. Your amended license, SNM-2010 (Amendment 56), is attached as Enclosure 2. LC 30 has been modified as discussed in the SER.

Because the activities of this amendment involve administrative actions, the NRC staff determined that the proposed activities do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 51.22(c)(11), neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted for this action.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the license will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Work performed under this Technical Assignment Control (TAC L34150) is complete and the TAC is now closed. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Michael Raddatz at 301-492-3108, or via e-mail to Michael.Raddatz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 70-3103
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2. License Amendment 56

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