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Philip Ting, Chief
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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Dear Mr. Ting:

We have reviewed your agency's Pre-decisional Draft Environmental Assessment in support of your plan to approve a decommissioning plan for part of the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) facility in Erwin, Tennessee. Your approval of the North Site Decommissioning Plan will be based on your conclusion that the North Site will meet NRC criteria for unrestricted release if the decommissioning plan is implemented as proposed. Your conclusion is partly based on NFS' position that the radiological contamination present in the groundwater underlying the North Site does not pose the risk of a radiological dose to the public exceeding NRC criteria.

Our Division concurs with your conclusion regarding the radiological dose and your decision regarding the approval of the North Site Decommissioning Plan. Our concurrence is based on the documentation provided to us by NRC and NFS. Thank you for the opportunity to review this Draft EA. If you have any questions, please contact me at (615)532-0426.

Sincerely,

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