

June 16, 2015

Ms. Amy Johnson
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING

Dear Ms. Johnson:

On June 1, 2015, Louisiana Energy Services (LES), dba Urenco USA (UUSA), requested that the annual decommissioning funding cost estimate, covering the period July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, be submitted prior to September 15, 2015, rather than in June 2015 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number (ML15156A352)). This will allow URENCO USA to provide decommissioning funding for the upcoming year and assay 1006 by using the same funding instrument which is more efficient, and provides a significant cost savings to UUSA.

The staff noted that as you continue operations beyond July 1, 2015, you will continue to generate depleted uranium (DU). You have estimated, based on the current U.S. Department of Energy cost estimate, that \$9.6M will be needed to dispose of that DU. However, there is a 25 percent contingency built into the revised Assay 1005 Decommissioning Cost Estimate, dated November 13, 2014 (ML14322A155, non-public), which amounts to \$19.7M. Thus, a contingency of \$10M remains.

Pursuant to License Condition 16d, UUSA provides an updated decommissioning cost estimate and revised funding instruments annually; however, there is no date or grace period specified. Thus, the staff finds that a delay from June 2015 to September 2015 to provide the new funding instruments poses no risk to public liability, and is thus granted.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Michael Raddatz of my staff at (301) 415-7391, or via e-mail at Michael.Raddatz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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