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October 17, 2016

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SUBJECT: GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL - AMERICAS, L.L.C. - U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY

COMMISSION INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 70-1113/2016-401 AND

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Hilton:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted a routine inspection of the Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) safeguards program at Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas, L.L.C. Facility in Wilmington, NC from September 19 - 22, 2016. The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. The enclosed report presents the results of the inspection that were discussed with members of your staff during an exit meeting held at the conclusion of the inspection on September 22, 2016.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to public health and safety, the common defense and security, and to confirm compliance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and the conditions of your license. Areas examined during this inspection included management structure, item control, measurement systems and control, physical inventory, resolution, assessment, and recordkeeping. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of performance tests, selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at (<a href="http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html">http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html</a>). The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is being cited in the Notice because the issue was identified by NRC.

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Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Manuel Crespo at 404-997-4733, or via e-mail to <a href="manuel.crespo@nrc.gov">manuel.crespo@nrc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Omar R. López-Santiago, Chief Safety Branch Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

Docket No. 70-1113 License No. SNM-1097

#### **Enclosures:**

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