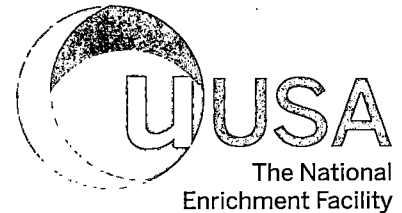


LES-19-140-NRC

OCT 14 2019

ATTN: Document Control Desk
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001



Louisiana Energy Services, LLC
NRC Docket No. 70-3103

Subject: 2019 Annual Decommissioning Funding Cost Estimate

Reference: 1. Louisiana Energy Services Materials License SNM-2010
2. Settlement Agreement between LES and State of New Mexico, dated September 29, 2011
3. Letter from S. Cowne to NMAG providing the Decommissioning Cost Estimate for 2019, dated April 16, 2018 (LES-19-067-NMAG)

Pursuant to Reference 1 Condition 16d, Louisiana Energy Services, LLC, dba URENCO USA (UUSA) herewith provides the annual decommissioning cost estimate for NRC approval.

Following NRC review and approval, UUSA will provide, by December 15, 2019, the Decommissioning Funding Cost Estimate and the executed financial assurance instruments as required by Reference 1, Condition 16d. Per Reference 2, Reference 3 provided the cost estimate to the New Mexico Attorney General and the Secretary of New Mexico Environment Department for comment.

Note the following:

1. The estimates have been adjusted for inflation.
2. An additional contingency of 11% (calculated) is applied per Reference 2 in addition to the 25% contingency contained in the Decommissioning Funding Cost Estimate. Furthermore, de-conversion costs are based on the highest value of the 2019 DOE ranges. Therefore sufficient conservatism has been applied.
3. Costs for disposal of depleted uranium generated through June 2020 have been estimated based on the 2019 value adjusted for inflation. URENCO is currently consulting with DOE regarding current estimates and may need to communicate with the NRC once these meetings conclude.
4. Transportation of 30B product cylinders through June 2020 has been included.

This letter and Enclosure 1 contain proprietary information in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4). UUSA requests that they be withheld from public disclosure.

NM5501

LES-19-140-NRC

Should there be any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Scott Diggs, Acting Licensing and Performance Assessment Manager, at 575.394.6203.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Cowne", written in a cursive style.

Stephen Cowne
Compliance Manager and Chief Nuclear Officer

Enclosures:

1. 2019 Decommissioning Funding Cost Estimate
2. Affidavit

LES-19-140-NRC

cc:

Karl Sturzebecher, Project Manager - UUSA
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Karl.Sturzebecher@NRC.gov

Kevin Ramsey, Senior Project Manager
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Kevin.Ramsey@NRC.gov

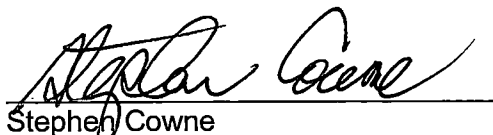
Jacob Zimmerman, Enrichment & Conversion Branch Chief
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Jacob.Zimmerman@nrc.gov

ENCLOSURE 2

AFFIDAVIT

I, Stephen Cowne, being duly sworn, state that I am the Chief Nuclear Officer and Compliance Manager for Louisiana Energy Services (LES), dba URENCO USA (UUSA). I am authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) this document and that all statements made and matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. LES wishes to have withheld from public disclosure the following documents:
 - LES-19-140-NRC – 2019 Annual Decommissioning Funding Cost Estimate
2. The information contained in the documents cited in 1 above for which exemption from public disclosure is requested concern classified matter protection. UUSA requests that this information be exempt from disclosure pursuant to the provisions in 10 CFR Part 2.390(d)(1).
3. The information sought to be withheld is not available in public sources, to the best of UUSA's knowledge and belief.
4. The information stated in this affidavit has been submitted in accordance with the applicable parts of 10 CFR 2.390 and the guidance contained in NUREG-1556, Vol. 20, Appendix C.4.



Stephen Cowne
Chief Nuclear Officer and
Compliance Manager
Louisiana Energy Services, LLC

10/14/19
Date

I certify the above named person appeared before me and executed this document on this 14th day of October, 2019.



Notary Public
My commission expires: June 16, 2020



OFFICIAL SEAL
Verónica Romero
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
My Commission Expires 6/16/2020