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SUBJECT: LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES – AMENDMENT 93, APPROVAL OF  
LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST REVISING LICENSE CONDITION 16 TO  
ALLOW FOR TRIENNIAL DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING UPDATES  
(ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER L-2021-DFA-0006)

Dear Mr. Padgett:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed the Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (LES) letter dated August 3, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML21217A141), requesting approval to modify the submission timeframe for updated decommissioning cost estimates to a triennial basis. They are currently required by Materials License SNM-2010, license condition 16(d) to be submitted annually.

The NRC staff has reviewed the request and concludes that LES has demonstrated the proposed change to license condition 16d is appropriate and consistent with the applicable regulations and provides reasonable assurance of adequate financial assurance.

Materials License SNM-2010 is hereby amended to revise license condition 16d to read as follows:

Updated decommissioning cost estimates for depleted uranium disposition shall be provided triennially on a forward-looking basis to reflect annual projections of depleted uranium byproduct generation. The depleted uranium disposition cost estimate shall include an update to the DOE depleted uranium disposition cost estimate. Funding instruments shall be provided annually, and the total amount funded for depleted uranium disposition shall be no less than the updated DOE cost estimate.

All other license conditions shall remain the same. The review by the NRC staff is documented in the safety evaluation report, which is provided in Enclosure 1 to this letter. Enclosures 2 and 3 to this letter provide publicly available and non-publicly available versions of the amended Materials License SNM-2010, respectively.

Enclosure 3 transmitted by this letter contains **Security-Related Information**. When separated from Enclosure 3, this letter and Enclosures 1 and 2 are decontrolled.

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This letter concludes action on this submittal and Enterprise Project Identifier L-2021-DFA-0006 is closed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and Enclosures 1 and 2 will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) and in ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The PDR is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via e-mail at [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Mr. Matt Bartlett by telephone at 301-415-7154, or via e-mail to [matthew.bartlett@nrc.gov](mailto:matthew.bartlett@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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Docket No. 07003103  
License No. SNM-2010

Enclosures:

1. Safety Evaluation Report (Public)
2. Amendment 93 (Public)
3. Amendment 93 (Non-public)

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