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June 30, 2005

Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, L.L.C. ATTN: Mr. J. D. Fuller, Chief Executive Officer and Facility Manager P. O. Box 780 Wilmington, NC 28402

SUBJECT: LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW (LPR) OF LICENSED ACTIVITIES

FOR GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL, DOCKET NUMBER 70-1113

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Managers and staff in our Region II office in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards in Rockville, Maryland, completed a review of your performance in conducting NRC licensed activities. The review evaluated your performance during the period beginning May 18, 2003 and ending May 7, 2005. The performance of your facility was evaluated in the four main areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, and Special Topics. This letter provides to you the results of our review, and will be used as a basis for establishing the NRC oversight program for your conduct of licensed activities during the next 24 months.

Our review established that Global Nuclear Fuel (GNF) continued to operate the facility safely. Based upon this review and on your demonstrated performance, the NRC will maintain the core level of inspection for a Category III fuel facility. We will discuss the results of our review with you at a meeting open to the public in Wilmington, North Carolina on August 3, 2005. During that meeting, we expect you to discuss your view of your performance in the same major areas as the NRC evaluated.

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Please refer any questions or comments about our review of GNF's performance to Mr. Jay L. Henson, who can be reached by telephone at 404-562-4731.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Douglas M. Collins, Director Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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# LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL - AMERICAS, L.L.C. PERFORMANCE PERIOD: MAY 18, 2003 to MAY 7, 2005 SUMMARY OUTLINE

The following is a summary of the program strengths, improvements, and challenges for the performance of Global Nuclear Fuel, in the conduct of NRC licensed activities.

#### PERFORMANCE AREA: SAFETY OPERATIONS

This area is comprised of chemical safety, criticality safety, plant operations, fire safety, and management controls.

#### **Areas Needing Improvement in Safety Operations**

None

#### PERFORMANCE AREA: RADIOLOGICAL CONTROLS

This area is comprised of radiation protection, environmental protection, waste management and transportation.

#### **Areas Needing Improvement in Radiological Control**

None

#### PERFORMANCE AREA: FACILITY SUPPORT

This area is comprised of maintenance and surveillance, training in safety, and emergency preparedness.

#### **Areas Needing Improvement in Facility Support**

None

## PERFORMANCE AREA: SPECIAL TOPICS

This area is comprised of Safety Licensing.

## **Areas Needing Improvement in Special Topics:**

None