

February 17, 2006

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AUTHORIZATION FOR MIXED OXIDE FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY

Dear Mr. Gwyn:

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The staff has reviewed the Construction Authorization Request (CAR), the Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER), and other documents supporting the Construction Authorization and has concluded that ownership to the extent affected by the indirect transfer proposed in your January 27, 2006 letter was not the basis for approving the CAR for the MFFF. The staff's basis for approval, as documented in the FSER, does not rely on the ownership information in question.

We have reviewed the submitted information concerning ownership changes relative to the Construction Authorization issued on March 30, 2005 to DCS under Part 70. In view of the above factors and considering that DCS continues to be the holder of the CAR, we do not view the proposed transaction as impacting the staff's approval of the CAR nor any of the provisions of the Construction Authorization. Accordingly, we approve proceeding with the transaction as you described in your January 27, 2006 letter to the NRC.

If you have any questions please give me a call at (301)-415-6195.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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