

July 6, 2006

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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(TAC NO. MD0302)

Dear Mr. Conway:

By your application dated May 30, 2006, and affidavit dated May 26, 2006, executed by Mr. Andrew A Lingenfelter of Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, LLC (GNF-A), you submitted a letter and requested that Enclosure 4, a Holtec International report entitled "Criticality Safety Evaluation of the Spent Fuel Storage Racks in the Duane Arnold Energy Center for Maximum Enrichment Capability" be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390. The affidavit stated that Enclosure 4 should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (a) Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- (b) Information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.

We have reviewed your letter and the enclosed material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390, and on the basis of your statements, we have determined that the submitted information in Enclosure 4 contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

You have provided a non-proprietary version of the same report as Enclosure 3 for public disclosure, which we have placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1451.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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