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Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

- References:
- 1) Docket No. 70-143; SNM License 124
 - 2) Letter from William D. Travers to Dwight B. Ferguson, Confirmatory Order for Program Improvements, dated February 21, 2007
 - 3) Letter from B. Marie Moore to NMSS NRC, License Amendment Request To Make Changes to Part I, Chapter 2, of SNM-124 Regarding the Configuration Management Program, dated April 20, 2007
 - 4) Letter from Kevin M. Ramsey to B. Marie Moore, Request for Additional Information Concerning Configuration Management Amendment (TAC L32632)

Subject: Schedule for Providing a Response to the Request for Additional Information Regarding the Configuration Management Program Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to Section V(2) of the Confirmatory Order (Reference 2), Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) submitted a request (Reference 3) to amend Part I, Chapter 2, of the license (Reference 1) to update the description of the Configuration Management (CM) Program. The proposed NFS CM Program provides a disciplined and graded approach to the identification and control of the physical configuration, design requirements, and facility configuration information such that NFS has high confidence that systems, structures, and components are fully functional and support safe, reliable plant operation.

In Reference 4, the NRC requested that additional information regarding the proposed changes to the CM Program be provided. NFS has evaluated the request and determined that the additional information can be provided within 45 days from the date of this letter. The requirements of the proposed CM program, to be clarified in our response to Reference 4, has substantial impact to NFS' engineering and safety programs as well as plant operations. The 45-day response time is necessary to ensure all affected organizations have input into the response and are able to evaluate potential impact to their programs. NFS believes that widely communicating and allowing input into the planned CM program changes is essential to efficient implementation of the changes.


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NFS is committed to implementing and maintaining the planned enhancements to the CM Program. A plan and tentative schedule for implementation was contained in Reference 3. The implementation schedule requires updating to incorporate lessons learned and to refine the estimates for completing the planned enhancements. The updated schedule will be included in the response to the request for additional information. NFS will continue to keep the NRC informed of its progress and of any significant changes to the implementation schedule.

If you or your staff have any questions, require additional information, or wish to discuss this, please contact me, or Mr. Rik Droke, Licensing and Compliance Director, at (423) 743-1741. Please reference our unique document identification number (21G-07-0138) in any correspondence concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

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