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Mr. Ramsey et al,

This message is being resent with the NNSA press release attached as a word doc, a more universally-accessible file than the web archive previously sent. If you did not receive/could not open the pdf of the Johnson City Press article, sent attached to my previous message from my MacMail account, please let me know and I will resend it.

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Mr. Ramsey,

Attached please find an NNSA press release regarding a new contract for an additional 12.1 metric tons (mt) of HEU to be "down-blended to about 220 metric tons of LEU at the Nuclear Fuel Services facility in Erwin". A Johnson City Press (24June09) article on the new contract is also attached.

As you might recall, information on the amount of HEU -- that NFS was permitted to store/hold/process under the Possession Limit Increase granted by Amendment 79 on November 23, 2007 -- was redacted in the LAR. So the public doesn't know if the possession limit increase was equal to or greater than the 17.4 mt that were the subject of the June 29, 2007 NNSA-NFS contract.

Questions...

1) Will NFS need to submit another LAR for another possession limit increase to enable it to down-blend the 12.1 mt of HEU from the new NNSA contract? Or has the LAR already been submitted? If so, what is its Accession Number?

- 2) Will NFS need to submit an LAR to possess the LEU that "the contractors performing the down-blending work will be compensated with"? (See end of paragraph 2 of NNSA press release)
- 3) Now that NFS will be taking title to commercial reactor fuel -- NFS & WesDyne "will receive 'a fraction' of the material for resale as compensation" (see [JCPress](#) article) -- and will be in the business of reselling it, will NFS need amendments to SNM-124 to accommodate its new business of marketing commercial reactor fuel?
- 4) As you might recall, according to the NNSA/DOE [Supplement Analysis](#) (DOE/EIS-0240-SA1), "shipments of HEU to the blending contractor began in August 2007" (see page 4) -- i.e., three (3) months **prior** to approval of Amendment 79, which occurred on November 23, 2007. Will NRC **again** allow shipments to NFS to begin **before** it grants a new possession limit increase?
- 5) Should the public expect to find the Federal Register Notice (FRN) announcing the opportunity for hearing on this new amendment in the Independence Day or Labor Day [Federal Register](#)? (You might recall that the CD Line FRN appeared on New Years Eve of 2007 and that Amendment 79 was approved on the day after Thanksgiving of 2007. Weren't those **both** federal holidays in 2007? Should the public continue to expect to be "served" backhandedly by NMSS?)
- 6) Will this new possession limit increase **again** be approved **prior** to the end of the period given the public to file hearing requests? (You might recall that stakeholders, as NRC likes to call taxpayers and residents of nuclear neighborhoods, had the rug pulled out from under them when NMSS approved Amendment 79 **three weeks before** the December 17, 2007 deadline for hearing requests to be submitted.)

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Thank you,
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