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American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility
Docket Number 70-7003; License Number SNM-7003
American Centrifuge Plant
Docket Number 70-7004; License Number SNM-2011
Schedule for Submission and Implementation of Enhanced Information Security Provisions

Dear Mr. Weber:

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to explain the plans of USEC Inc. (USEC) for the submittal and implementation of enhanced information security protection provisions at the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio; the Fluor facility in Greenville, South Carolina; the Alliant Technical Systems/Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ATK/ABL) facility in Rocket Center, West Virginia; and the Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Division (CW) facility in Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

Background

In a letter dated July 23, 2009 (Reference 1) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) informed USEC of the expectation for enrichment plant licensees to review the information in the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guidance document, NEI 08-11, "Information Security Program Guidelines for Protection of Classified Material at Uranium Enrichment Facilities" for applicability to their facilities, including their vendors and subcontractors that possess or use classified matter, and consider appropriate actions. In addition, the licensees were to modify their Standard Practice Procedures Plan (SPPP) and implement the programs within the schedules provided by NEI in their letter dated July 8, 2009 (Reference 2).

Discussion

USEC has initiated the initial activities to address the guidance in NEI 08-11 for the identified facilities. Due to a number of factors, including availability of key personnel, we have recognized that additional time will be required for USEC to perform the risk analyses, develop the plans, modify the Security Programs and implement the plans. Accordingly, we have rescheduled submission of the Piketon SPPP for NRC review to be completed by December 21, 2009, an extension of sixty days from the schedule provided by NEI in Reference 2. We will also submit the ATK/ABL and CW SPPPs for NRC review by the same due date.

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The remaining implementation periods after NRC approval of the SPPPs will be accomplished sooner than those expressed in Reference 2. Specifically:

- OPSEC and CI – Implemented within 30 days from the date of NRC's approval of the plan.
- CICI and Armed Response – Implemented within 60 days from the date of NRC's approval of the plan.

However, USEC will not submit an updated SPPP for the Fluor Greenville facility encompassing the new provisions, since USEC will request that the facility clearance be terminated and all classified matter will be removed from the facility prior to the new implementation date of December 21, 2009.

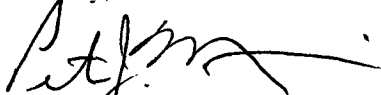
Action

The schedule for submission and implementation of the enhanced information security provisions is provided for NRC staff's information. No specific action is requested.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 564-3470 or Terry Sensue at (740) 897-2412.

Sincerely,



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References:

1. NRC letter from Daniel H. Dorman to Peter J. Miner regarding Nuclear Energy Institute Guidance Document NEI 08-11, "Information Security Program Guidelines for Protection of Classified Material at Uranium Enrichment Facilities," dated July 23, 2009
2. NEI letter from Felix M. Killar, Jr. to Brian Smith regarding Implementation of INFOSEC Guidance for the Protection of Classified Technologies for Licensees (NEI 08-11), dated July 8, 2009