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Attn: Document Control Desk Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Louisiana Energy Services, LLC NRC Docket No. 70-3103

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Withdrawal of License Amendment Request LAR-09-011

References:

- 1) Letter from LES to NRC, NEF-09-00086-NRC, Request for Amendment to Materials License SNM-2010 for alterations to sole IROFS for fire protection (LAR-09-011), May 22, 2009
- 2) Letter from LES to NRC, NEF-09-00169-NRC, Response to Request for Additional Information on LAR-09-011, September 14, 2009
- 3) Letter from NRC to LES, Request for Additional Information for Request for Amendment to Materials License SNM-2010 for alterations to sole IROFS for fire protection (LAR-09-011), August 12, 2009

On May 22, 2009 LES submitted a License Amendment Request to remove a sole IROFS for Facility Fire Accident Sequences and provide multiple IROFS for safe operating features by prevention of release to meet the 10 CFR 70.61 Performance Requirements. This change affects the Separations Building Modules and the Cylinder Receipt and Dispatch Building (Ref. 1). On September 14, 2009, LES modified the submittal (Ref. 2) as a result of a Request for Additional Information received from the NRC (Ref. 3).

As discussed with members of your staff, LES herewith withdraws License Amendment Request LAR-09-011.

In addition, LES will resubmit another License Amendment Request which in general will:

- 1) Request a Part 21 Exemption for IROFS 35, fire barriers;
- 2) Request the approval of a graded quality program for IROFS 35 that would make the quality requirements comparable to Part 50 Licensees;
- 3) Request approval of the LES digital I&C design for IROFS 35, and;
- 4) Inform the NRC that LES does not intend to report when a fire door is taken out of service due to normal operations of the facility that include movement of cylinders and other vehicular/personal movement.

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Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please contact Stephen Cowne, LES Director, Quality and Regulatory Affairs at 575.394.5253.

Respectfully,

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