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**American Centrifuge Plant
Docket Number 70-7004; License Number SNM-2011
Revision to Security Program to Incorporate Nuclear Energy Institute 08-11 Guidance**

Dear Mr. Weber:

Purpose

This letter changes USEC Inc.'s (USEC) schedule for the submittal and implementation of enhanced information security protection provisions at American Centrifuge Plant strategic manufacturing supplier facilities; specifically the Alliant Technical Systems (ATK) facility in Rocket Center, West Virginia, and the Curtiss-Wright (CW) facility in Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

Background

In NRC 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). Reference 2 rescheduled the date for the submittal of the revised Security Programs until December 21, 2009.

Discussion

USEC has worked with the strategic suppliers to address the guidance in NEI 08-11 for the identified facilities. However, due to a number of factors, including loss of staffing with demobilization, we have not yet completed the necessary activities and will require additional time to perform the risk analyses for the ATK and CW facilities, modify applicable plans and Security Programs and implement the plans. Accordingly, we have rescheduled submission of the ATK and CW SPPPs for NRC review to be completed by February 21, 2010, an extension of sixty days from the schedule provided in Reference 2.

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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 Mitch Brockman at (865) 425-6516.

Sincerely,



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References:

1. NRC letter from D.H. Dorman (NRC) to P.J. Miner (USEC) 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. USEC letter AET 09-0073 from P.J. Miner (USEC) to M.F. Weber (NRC) regarding Schedule for Submission and Implementation of Enhanced Information Security Provisions, dated September 25, 2009