

April 26, 2011

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO DOWNGRADE
SNM-1168 AUTHORIZED USES TO REMOVE FUEL MANUFACTURING
(TAC L33131)

Dear Ms. Moore:

We received your submittal letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS], Accession Number ML11103A079), dated March 31, 2011, requesting a downgrade of the authorized uses of special nuclear materials under Special Nuclear Materials License SNM-1168 to remove the authorization to fabricate nuclear fuel and to proceed to decommissioning. Your request has been assigned Technical Assignment Control (TAC) Number L33131 for fee recoverable charges related to this request. Please reference this TAC in any future correspondence associated with this action.

We have completed our acceptance review of your submittal. Please note that the complete review may identify omissions in the submittal information or any technical issues that require additional information.

For a review of an amendment request, we would normally take up to 180 days from acceptance of the application to complete the review. Based on our preliminary review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our final review by the end of July 2011. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 2.390 of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the Enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 492-3220 or via E-mail to Richard.Thompson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/ KRamsey for

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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