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

Subject: Clarification of LAR 11-04 Weld Scope

- Reference:
1. Request for Approval to use AWS D1.1 alternate weld inspection method for Cascades 1, 2 and 3 (LAR 11-04), dated March 22, 2011
 2. Revision to License Amendment Request (LAR) 11-04-Supplement, dated April 11, 2011

The purpose of this letter is to clarify that the fillet welds in the H-Frames in Cascades 1 and 2 are not included in the request for approval to use an alternate weld inspection method for Cascades 1 and 2 (LAR 11-04).

In References 1 and 2 above, URENCO USA (UUSA) requested approval to use an AWS D1.1 alternate weld inspection method for Cascades 1 and 2. Subsequent discussion with the NRC staff has identified a need to clarify the scope of the welds contained in the LAR 11-04. The H-Frames steel was fabricated by an entity other than that which provided the remainder of the upper steel pieces. Through paint inspections were not performed on the H-Frame welds on Cascades 1 and 2. As noted above, the scope of the welds included in LAR 11-04 is the Cascades 1 and 2 upper steel fillet welds, with the exception of the H-Frames.

Should there be any additional questions concerning this LAR, please contact Wyatt Padgett, LES Licensing Manager, at 575.394.5257.

Respectfully,



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