

From: Johnson, Robert
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2011 6:43 PM
To: Barbara A O Neal
Cc: Ramsey, Kevin
Subject: RE: Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed License Renewal for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. in Erwin, TN.

Ms. O'Neal,

I am responding to your email dated December 1, 2011(below), that contained questions related to the referenced "NRC Questions and Answers Regarding Nuclear Fuel Services Loss of Liability Insurance." Please find responses to your questions provided below, in the order they were presented.

1. "Who authored these Q&A's?"

The Q&A file was prepared by NMSS staff in consultation with other NRC offices. Licensing staff were asked if the lack of a liability insurance policy violated any regulatory requirements. We do not recall exactly where the question originated.

2. "What is the date of the document? (It is entered in ADAMS as Nov. 16, 2011)"

The Q&A document was created in the February 2010 time frame.

3. "When did the American Nuclear Insurers (ANI) withdraw the liability insurance?"

NRC staff concluded that the regulations do not require liability insurance for the activities authorized by the NFS license. NRC staff did not review the details or timing of the American Nuclear Insurers (ANI) business decision.

4. "Why did ANI withdraw the liability insurance?"

NRC staff do not know the details associated with the ANI business decision to withdraw liability insurance.

5. "How was NFS notified?"

NRC staff do not know the details of how NFS was notified of the ANI business decision.

I appreciate your continued interest in ensuring public safety and protecting the environment around the NFS facility. Hopefully these responses help to answer your questions on the "NRC Questions and Answers Regarding Nuclear Fuel Services Loss of Liability Insurance." If you have any questions concerning this email, please contact Kevin Ramsey, of my staff at, (301) 492-3123 or via e-mail to Kevin.Ramsey@NRC.Gov.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 10:26 PM

To: Johnson, Robert

Subject: RE: Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed License Renewal for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. in Erwin, TN.

Mr. Johnson: The following questions are not related to the EA/FONSI for NFS, but about the attached document (ML11325A106) entitled "Questions and Answers Regarding Nuclear Fuel Services Loss of Liability Insurance."

There is no attribution or date on the document, which appears to be common (but not a good) practice on most NRC Q&A's. My questions are as follows:

1. Who authored these Q&A's?
2. What is the date of the document? (It is entered in ADAMS as Nov. 16, 2011)
3. When did the American Nuclear Insurers (ANI) withdraw the liability insurance?
4. Why did ANI withdraw the liability insurance?
5. How was NFS notified?

Thank you,
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Sent: Thu, 27 Oct 2011 19:44:46 -0400 (EDT)

Subject: RE: Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed License Renewal for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. in Erwin, TN.

Ms. O'Neal,

I would be happy to have a call to address your questions regarding the decision to issue the Final EA FONSI. If there are questions that I cannot answer directly during the call, I will work to get your questions addressed. I will call tomorrow to see if there is a convenient time discuss your questions further.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 6:49 PM

To: Johnson, Robert
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Already have these documents. I have lots of questions, but doubt that you can answer them.

----- Original Message -----

From: Robert Johnson <Robert.Johnson@nrc.gov>

To: barbaraoneal@embarqmail.com

Sent: Thu, 27 Oct 2011 18:07:09 -0400 (EDT)

Subject:

Ms. O'Neal,

Good afternoon. I am the Fuel Manufacturing Branch Chief at NRC headquarters. I wanted to let you know that the NRC issued the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed renewal of the operating license for Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS), Inc., on October 26, 2011. I also wanted to make sure that you had copies of the NRC press release (No. 11-203) and the Federal Register Notice (FRN 76 66334) publishing the final EA FONSI. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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