

February 29, 2012

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION UPDATE
REVISION 31A (TAC L34108)

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

On November 17, 2011, Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (LES) transmitted changes to your Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD). These changes were incorporated into the QAPD under your own authority.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the changes to the LES QAPD Revision 31A. We found the changes to be organizational in nature. We also found that the organizational chart does not depict the direct relationship between the Quality Assurance (QA) Manager and the President/Chief Executive Officer, however the QAPD clearly states in Section 1 that: "The QA Manager has a direct relationship with the President for quality concerns with Performance Assessment and Feedback." Thus, the changes reviewed do not represent any reduction in commitments, and are found acceptable.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Raddatz at (301) 492-3108, or via e-mail to Michael.Raddatz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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