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**SUBJECT: LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.L.C.(LES), URENCO USA, PROGRAM
ADJUSTMENT REVIEW OF LICENSED ACTIVITIES (NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT 70-3103/2013-001)**

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region II Office, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, completed our periodic review of NRC licensed activities at the URENCO USA (UUSA) enrichment facility. UUSA's current performance review period is 24 months, covering the period from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2013. This letter provides the NRC's evaluation of UUSA's performance during calendar year 2012, and constitutes Inspection Report 70-3103/2013-001. The details regarding the Safeguards portion of the review are documented in a separate letter marked "Official Use Only" due to the sensitive nature of the information.

The performance of UUSA's operations activities was evaluated in the following areas: Safety Operations, Safeguards, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, and Other Areas. The performance of UUSA's construction activities was evaluated in the following areas: Management Measures, Facility Construction, and Facility Support.

Overall, the staff determined that UUSA has continued to conduct its activities safely and securely, while protecting public health and the environment. Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct the operational core inspection program for a Gas Centrifuge Facility as described in NRC Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2600, "Fuel Cycle Facility Operational Safety and Safeguards Inspection Program," for the remainder of the review period of January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013. In addition, the NRC will continue to conduct the construction inspection program for UUSA as described in IMC 2696, "Louisiana Energy Services Gas Centrifuge Facility Construction and Pre-Operational Readiness Review Inspection Programs."

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Questions and comments about the NRC's review of UUSA's performance should be directed to Ms. Lisa Castelli, who can be reached by telephone at 404-997-4419. Questions and comments about the NRC's review of UUSA's construction performance should be directed to Ms. Deborah Seymour, who can be reached by telephone at 404-997-4476.

Sincerely,

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