May 1, 2013

Mr. M. C. Suwala, Nuclear Material Control Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Operations Group, Inc. P.O. Box 785 Lynchburg, VA 24505-0785

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION - REPORT NO. 070-00027/2013-203

Dear Mr. Suwala:

We have received a request from you to extend 30 days the required response to the notice of violation (NOV) as outlined in Report 070-00027/2013-203. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulation* (10 CFR) 2.201, licensees are required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting the NOV.

As stated in your email, the Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) group is in the process of completing the March 28, 2013, physical inventory and finalizing the reporting requirements within 45 days. In addition, the response commitments to the NOV in Report 070-00027/2013-203 are required by May 3, 2013. The B&W MC&A group will be losing both statisticians after May 3, 2013, and currently all of their efforts are focused on completing the Standard error of the inventory difference and new control limits for the physical inventory. Therefore, B&W MC&A group has requested an extension to the due date for the response to the NOV to June 3, 2013.

The NRC has concluded a reviewed of your request and agrees to an extension of 30 days for the NOV response to June 3, 2013.

Should you have any questions concerning this action please contact Glenn Tuttle at (301) 492-3129 or via e-mail to <u>Glenn.Tuttle@nrc.gov</u>, or David Ditto at (301) 492-3424, or via e-mail to <u>David.Ditto@nrc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Peter Habighorst, Chief Material Control and Accounting Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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