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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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May 28, 2013

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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO QUESTION PROVIDED AT THE NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES,
INC. LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING ON APRIL 29, 2013**

Dear Ms. Wallack:

This letter is in response to questions you had during the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Licensee Performance Review (LPR) public meeting on April 29, 2013. The questions involved a newspaper article that stated residents in the vicinity of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) should not be concerned with alarms heard in the community on April 30 because NFS will be conducting an emergency exercise. This article may have been misinterpreted to mean that NFS had installed offsite sirens. As we stated at the meeting, NRC regulations do not require offsite sirens at NFS. The following paragraphs discuss your questions and describe how members of the public would be notified and what actions they may be asked to take.

During the meeting you had asked how local residents would be notified in the event of an emergency at NFS, who would make the notifications and what methods would be used to notify the public? In addition, you questioned what type of actions could local residents be called upon to take?

The NRC requires NFS to have an emergency plan. In the event of an emergency having the potential to extend beyond the site's boundaries, NFS is required to make a number of notifications. Those notifications include information regarding the nature of the event and protective action recommendations. One of those initial notifications is made directly to a local agency, the Unicoi County Emergency Management Agency. That agency reviews the information and makes a decision on the public protection actions described below. The Unicoi County Emergency Management Agency also notifies the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). The local agency maintains and implements the local plan and TEMA, the state agency, maintains and implements the state plan.

The two primary responses members of the public may be expected to take are to shelter in place or evacuate. Various methods are used to alert the public. Some of the notification methods currently available are Reverse 911, local law enforcement personnel making

neighborhood announcements using a bullhorn, announcements over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio channels, and/or announcements made through local radio and television media.

Should you have any additional questions or comments, please contact me at alan.blamey@nrc.gov or via telephone at 404-997-4415.

Sincerely,

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