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Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Subject:** Request for Endorsement of NEI 13-04, "Counterintelligence Program for Uranium Enrichment Facilities."

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Ms. Bailey:

This letter provides NEI 13-04, "Counterintelligence Program for Uranium Enrichment Facilities," for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and endorsement. Uranium enrichers share the NRC's desire to ensure adequate protection against the counterintelligence (CI) threats posed to NRC regulated facilities and recognize the underlying benefits of a defensive counterintelligence program (CIP). Protection of classified information and technologies is important to uranium enrichers from national security and commercial standpoints.

The enrichers have worked with NRC staff to finalize elements of a CIP that meet our mutual goals, while allowing flexibility for site/facility-specific considerations. NEI 13-04 provides guidance for use by the uranium enrichment facilities to develop a CIP consistent with the NRC Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) for SECY-10-0158. This guidance is being developed in lieu of issuing a revision to NEI 08-11 and will supersede the Counterintelligence section of that document, upon NRC endorsement.

Operating uranium enrichment facilities will adopt this guidance as part of their Standard Practice Procedure Plans (SPPP) and will submit the necessary license commitment to NRC within 90 days of NRC endorsement of NEI 13-04 and will achieve full implementation within 180 days of NRC endorsement. Planned facilities and facilities under construction will submit the necessary license commitment to NRC within 180 days of NRC endorsement of NEI 13-04 and implement such guidance before classified activities, components, and/or equipment is introduced to the cleared facility (i.e., at issuance of the possessing facility clearance).

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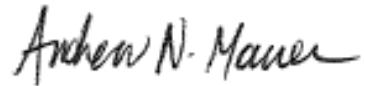
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Please note that NEI 13-04 is designated as Official Use Only – Security Related Information, based upon the SRM for SECY-10-0158. This letter is uncontrolled when separated from NEI 13-04.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew N. Mauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "A".

Andrew N. Mauer

Attachment

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