

October 3, 2013

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SUBJECT: ASSURANCE TECHNICAL SERVICES – POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF  
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED NRC VENDOR INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Clark:

As discussed during a conference call with you on September 27, 2013, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff planned to perform an inspection of Assurance Technical Services implementation of your quality assurance program in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix B and 10 CFR Part 21. This conference call discussed a preliminary schedule for the inspection. The inspectors planned to arrive at your facility, on Monday, October 21, 2013, and conduct the inspection through Friday, October 25, 2013.

On October 1, 2013, the Federal Government (except for excepted functions) shutdown and many civilian Federal Employees were furloughed. The NRC plans to continue normal operations until approximately October 7, 2013, and has initiated the efforts for reduced levels of operations. When the NRC appropriations no longer support normal operations, the NRC plans to operate at a reduced level for some period of time and begin a minimal maintenance and monitoring mode in which the NRC will continue to carry out its responsibility to protect the health and safety of the public. During the lapse of agency appropriations, NRC vendor inspections will be impacted. This could result in postponement or cancellation of the planned inspection activities described in the announcement letter. If funding is not restored within a few working days of your inspection, the inspection will be cancelled. Once the agency returns to normal operations, the NRC staff will inform you if there will be any changes to the inspection schedule.

The NRC has issued Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-16 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML110550923) to provide additional information during the lapse of agency appropriations. If you have additional questions regarding the NRC actions discussed above, please contact Mr. Richard Rasmussen at 301-415-1340.

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Sincerely,

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