

January 15, 2014

Mr. Dennis Richardson, Deputy Director
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Festus, Missouri 63028-3031

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED DECEMBER 19, 2013

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of a letter from you dated December 19, 2013, in response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) letter dated October 31, 2013, transmitting Reactive Inspection Report Number 07000036/2013004 (DNMS).

Within NRC's letter, we transmitted our concerns that: (1) it is not an acceptable practice to make reductions in safety margins without fully understanding the implications of those reductions and the impact those reductions have on operational activities; and (2) licensee inactions, as those described in Reactive Inspection Report Number 07000036/2013004 (DNMS), could have been significant contributors to a violation of NRC requirements (NCV 07000036/2013004-002) and could have significantly contributed to the two reportable events. Associated with our concerns, we requested the licensee: (1) provide an explanation on why a full radiological evaluation was not performed and how the licensee will address similar changes in procedures in the future; and (2) provide an explanation on why two issues, that could have been significant contributors to a violation of NRC requirements, were not address promptly and discuss how issues that could affect the licensee's ability to ensure compliance with NRC requirements will be addressed in the future, respectively.

The NRC has reviewed your responses and will evaluate your program during a future inspection.

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Sincerely,

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