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Attachment 2 to this letter contains and forwards GNF-A Company ~~proprietary information~~ which is to be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10CFR2.390 and RIS 2005-31. Upon removal of attachment 2, the balance of this letter may be made public.

SPM 14-019

May 2, 2014

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Document Control Desk  
245 Peachtree Center Ave., NE Ste. 1200  
Atlanta, GA 30303-1257

Attention: Mr. Jose Diaz

Subject: Dry Conversion Process (DCP) Recycle Operation Root Cause Investigation Report

References: 1) NRC License SNM-1097, Docket 70-1113  
2) GNF-A Event Report 49969, March 28, 2014  
3) GNF-A Event Report 49969 Update, March 31, 2014  
4) GNF-A 30 Day Report, April 25, 2014

**Attachment 2 to this letter contains GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Company Proprietary Information.**

Attached is the DCP Recycle Operation Root Cause Investigation Report dated May 2, 2014. Each page of this document contains proprietary information identified as GNF-A Company Proprietary Information and should be protected accordingly.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me at (910) 819-5950.

Sincerely,

Scott P. Murray, Manager  
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Commitments: None

Attachments: 1) Affidavit  
2) DCP Recycle Operation Root Cause Investigation Report dated 5/2/14

Cc: Manuel Crespo, NRC Region II  
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Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas LLC

## AFFIDAVIT

I, **Scott P. Murray**, state as follows:

- (1) I am the Manager, Facility Licensing of Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas, LLC (GNF-A), and have been delegated the function by GNF-A of reviewing the information described in paragraph (2) which is sought to be withheld, and have been authorized to apply for its withholding.
- (2) The information sought to be withheld is contained in Attachment 2 to GNF-A letter Number 14-019, Scott P. Murray to US Nuclear Regulatory Commission entitled DCP Recycle Operation Root Cause Investigation Report. GNF-proprietary information in Attachment 2 is identified by the statement “Contains GNF-A Proprietary Information”.
- (3) In making this application for withholding of proprietary information of which it is the owner or licensee, GNF-A relies upon the exemption from disclosure set forth in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC Sec. 552(b)(4), and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 USC Sec. 1905, and NRC regulations 10 CFR 9.17(a)(4), and 2.390(a)(4) for trade secrets (Exemption 4). The material for which exemption from disclosure is here sought also qualifies under the narrower definition of trade secret, within the meanings assigned to those terms for purposes of FOIA Exemption 4 in, respectively, Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 975 F2d 871 (DC Cir. 1992), and Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA, 704 F2d 1280 (DC Cir. 1983).
- (4) The information sought to be withheld is considered to be proprietary for the reasons set forth in paragraphs (4)a. and (4)b. Some examples of categories of information that fit into the definition of proprietary information are:
  - a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A constitutes a competitive economic advantage over GNF-A and/or other companies.
  - b. Information that, if used by a competitor, would reduce their expenditure of resources or improve their competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.
- (5) To address 10 CFR 2.390(b)(4), the information sought to be withheld is being submitted to the NRC in confidence. The information is of a sort customarily held in confidence by GNF-A, and is in fact so held. The information sought to be withheld has, to the best of my knowledge and belief, consistently been held in confidence by GNF-A, not been disclosed publicly, and not been made available in public sources. All disclosures to third parties, including any required transmittals to the NRC, have been made, or must be made, pursuant to regulatory provisions or proprietary and/or confidentiality agreements that provide for maintaining the information in confidence. The initial designation of this information as proprietary information and the subsequent steps taken to prevent its unauthorized disclosure are as set forth in the following paragraphs (6) and (7).
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- (7) The procedure for approval of external release of such a document typically requires review by the staff manager, project manager, principal scientist, or other equivalent authority for technical content, competitive effect, and determination of the accuracy of the proprietary designation. Disclosures outside GNF-A are limited to regulatory bodies, customers, and potential customers, and their agents, suppliers, and licensees, and others with a legitimate

