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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Louisiana Energy Services, LLC  
NRC Docket No. 70-3103

Subject: Request for Extension of Annual Decommissioning Funding

References:

1. SNM-2010. Louisiana Energy Services LLC Materials License Amendment 63
2. LES-14-00080-NRC, Revision to Assay 1005 Decommissioning Cost Estimate..., Dated Nov 13, 2014

Pursuant to Reference 1, Condition 16d, Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (dba URENCO USA) provides an updated decommissioning cost estimate and revised funding instruments annually. Normally, these submissions are provided in June of each year to demonstrate adequate funding for the period of July 1 to June 30 of the subsequent year.

Pursuant to Reference 1 Condition 16c, URENCO USA provides funding instruments to demonstrate adequate funding prior to introducing feed material into a new assay unit. Historically, the funding instruments have been provided at least 21 days prior to feed inlet.

URENCO USA requests that the annual decommissioning funding cost estimate, covering the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, be submitted prior to September 15, 2015, rather than in June 2015. This will allow URENCO USA to provide decommissioning funding for the upcoming year and assay 1006 by using the same funding instrument. The assay 1006 funding instrument will still be provided at least 21 days prior to introducing feed material into assay 1006, IAW Reference 1 Condition 16c.

URENCO USA requests that NRC provide a response to this request by June 15, 2015.

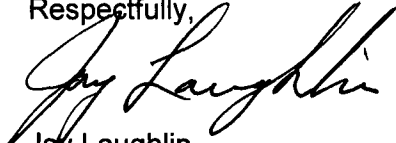
For the period of July 1, 2015 to September 15, 2015, URENCO USA estimates that \$9.6M will be needed to dispose of the depleted uranium tails generated during the same time period. This amount was determined by using the current estimate of tails (1,113.1 kg DU) that will be produced from July 2015 through September 2015 and multiplying the amount by the latest DOE cost estimate (\$8.61/kg DU) provided in Reference 2.

Should funding be necessary, the cost will be covered by the 25% tails contingency already provided in Reference 2. This contingency amount is \$19.7M. Therefore, adequate decommissioning funding will be available.

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This request has minimal impact to nuclear safety as it will not endanger the public health and safety. This exemption is related solely to when financial assurance for the upcoming year is issued. UUSA has already provided the financial assurance necessary to compensate for this time extension.

Respectfully,

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