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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL – AMERICAS
(GNF-A), LLC AMENDMENT 42 TO GESTAR II (CAC NO. MF7438)

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated March 2, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16063A403), GNF-A submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review “Amendment 42 to GESTAR II Supporting the Transition from 3D-MONICORE Core Monitoring System to ACUMEN.” The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of this Topical Report (TR). We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review. We expect to issue our draft safety evaluation (SE) by August 19, 2016. This schedule milestone takes into consideration the NRC’s current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If a modification to this date is deemed necessary, we will provide an appropriate update. The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 100 staff hours including project management. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in an email exchange between Mr. James Harrison and the NRC staff on June 7, 2016 with Mr. Harrison further indicating that the final SE would be needed by the end of August.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the SE will be reviewed by the NRC’s Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the final issuance of the SE.

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Please contact Joseph A. Golla at (301) 415-1002, if you have any questions on this subject.

Sincerely,

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