

September 1, 2016

Mr. Steven Toelle
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO SUSPEND REVIEW OF DECOMMISSIONING
PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAN CENTRIFUGE LEAD CASCADE FACILITY

Dear Mr. Toelle:

I am responding to your ACO 16-0027 letter dated July 21, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16211A062), recommending the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to suspend its review of the proposed changes to Chapter 10.0, "Decommissioning," of the License Application and Decommissioning Funding Plan for the American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility (Lead Cascade). These proposed changes were previously submitted to the NRC by letter dated February 12, 2016, (ADAMS Accession Numbers ML16057A249 and 16057A250). In justifying your recommendation, you stated that, in accordance with the guidance contained in NUREG-1757, Volume 1, Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance, Decommissioning Process for Materials Licensees, American Centrifuge Operating, LLC (ACO) will submit a Decommissioning Plan (DP) for the Lead Cascade which will include an updated decommissioning cost estimate. In a recent meeting held on June 16, 2016, Centrus Energy Corp and ACO staff indicated that the DP is intended to be submitted to the NRC for review and approval sometime during the August/September 2016 timeframe.

Per your recommendation, the NRC will cease its review of the proposed changes described in your February 12, 2016, submittal. As such, efforts under Cost Accounting Code (CAC) Number L34357 are now closed. However, if we do not receive your updated decommissioning cost estimate in your DP for the Lead Cascade by September 30, 2016, we will reinitiate our review of your February 12, 2016, submittal under a new CAC Number.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 2.390 of the NRC "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-7220 or via e-mail at Faraz.Yawar@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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