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Subject: Reply to a Notice of Nonconformance

By letter dated April 4, 2018, Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas, LLC (GNF-A) received NRC Inspection Report No. 99901376/2018-201 containing a single nonconformance, designated No. 99901376/2018-201-01. As stated in that report, the NRC inspection team determined that GNF-A was not fully implementing its QA program in the area of corrective action.

As this nonconformance was identified late in the inspection, the NRC inspectors did not have benefit of all the information that was ultimately available. As detailed in the enclosure, the result of our investigation determined that the nonconformance was not necessarily an issue with the corrective action program but rather, was isolated to the gage control processes and the response of that function to defined corrective actions.

The reason for the noncompliance was that personnel accountability for the gage control process, predominantly at remote sites and/or vendors, was less than adequate.

The corrective actions that have been taken and the results achieved:

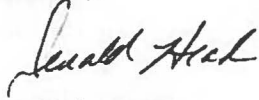
Immediate corrective actions were taken to improve electronic work flow processes that would enhance communication between the Gage Lab and remote sites when gages are sent out for calibration. This was implemented on March 10, 2018.

The corrective actions that will be taken to avoid further noncompliance:

Additional actions are underway to bring existing delinquent gages at remote sites and vendors into compliance, and to reinforce expectations for gage control. These actions will be completed by May 30, 2018. In addition, further consolidation of gage laboratory

activities to a single geographical location and formal transfer of select gages to vendor control is planned to be completed by September 28, 2018.

Sincerely,



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References:

Enclosures:

1. Detailed Response to Inspection Report Nonconformance 99901376/2018-201-01, GEH Proprietary Information – Class 2 (Internal)
2. Detailed Response to Inspection Report Nonconformance 99901376/2018-201-01, GEH Non-Proprietary Information – Class 1 (Public)
3. Affidavit Dated April 2018.

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