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July 27, 2018

Mr. John A. Stewart President Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. P.O. Box 337, MS 123 Erwin, TN 37650

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC. – U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT NUMBER 70-143/2018-003 (SAFEGUARDS PORTION)

Dear Mr. Stewart:

This letter refers to an inspection conducted from April 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018, at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) facility in Erwin, TN. The results of the non-safeguards portion of the inspection will be transmitted under a separate cover letter. The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether activities authorized under the license were conducted safely, and in accordance with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff at an exit meeting held on July 24, 2018.

The inspection consisted of an examination of activities conducted under the license, as they relate to safeguards and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the conditions of the license. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities in progress, and interviews with personnel. Based on the results of these inspections, no violations of more than minor significance were identified.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Leonard Pitts of my staff at 404-997-4708.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Robert E. Williams, Jr. Acting Chief Projects Branch 1 Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

Docket No. 70-143 License No. SNM-124

Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report No. 70-143/2018-003 -(Safeguards Portion) w/Attachment: - Supplementary Information

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