

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I 631 PARK AVENUE KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 50-201

0 4 MAR 1981

Nuclear Fuel Services, Incorporated ATTN: Mr. R. W. Deuster President Suite 600 6000 Executive Boulevard Rockville, Maryland 20352

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-201/81-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. Roth of this office on January 12-15, 1981, at your Reprocessing Plant in West Valley, New York, of activities authorized by NRC License No. CSF-1 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Roth with Mr. Duckworth and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 25 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Smith, Chief George H Fue Facility and Materials

Safety Branch

Enclosures:

- Appendix A, Notice of Violation
 Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report Number 50-201/81-01

cc w/encls: .

J. P. Duckworth, General Manager