

SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

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LICENSEE: LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, LLC

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT 86, EXECUTED FUNDING INSTRUMENTS AND CHANGE TO LICENSE CONDITION 10af (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER L-2019-DFA-0017)

BACKGROUND

By letter dated December 12, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19351C744), Louisiana Energy Services (LES), doing business as URENCO USA (UUSA), as required by License Condition 16c and 16d, submitted the executed financial assurance for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval. The submittal was supplemented by email dated April 2, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20126G460).

DISCUSSION

Regulatory Requirements

In pursuant to 10 CFR Paragraph 70.25(e)(2), LES is required to submit the decommissioning cost estimate (DCE). The DCE (ADAMS Accession No. ML19354B485) was approved by the NRC on January 8, 2020, while requiring a separate final review of the updated executed financial assurance Standby Trust Agreement documents.

Evaluation

The NRC staff reviewed the updated executed financial assurance documents and found three issues related to the signature dates and the summation of the Standby Trust Agreement total. An email dated March 9, 2020, (ADAMS Accession No. ML20069G796) was sent requesting the additional information be provided within 30 days from the date of the email. The April 2, 2020 email provided the NRC staff the confirmation needed to complete the review of the assurances for funds in the Standby Trust Agreement documentation.

As required by 10 CFR 70.25 (e)(1)(iv), the licensee provided a certification that financial assurance for decommissioning has been provided in the amount of the cost estimate for decommissioning. The financial assurance instruments were previously approved by NRC on January 8, 2020, (ADAMS Accession No. ML19354B485). To cover the increased decommissioning cost estimate, the licensee provided a surety bond rider which increases the amount of one of the previously approved surety bonds.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A proposed action is excluded from an environmental review under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10) if it is an amendment to a license issued under this chapter which changes surety, insurance and/or indemnity requirements. The proposed amendment is a change to decommissioning financial assurance requirements. Therefore, the action is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare a site-specific environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on its review above, the NRC staff finds the updated decommissioning funding instruments acceptable. The NRC staff recommends modifying License Condition 10 to read as follows:

- af. Decommissioning Financial Assurance dated December 12, 2019, as revised by e-mail dated April 2, 2020.

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