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**SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RESPONSE TO NUCLEAR
FUEL SERVICES, INC. (24G-26-0008) 2026 U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION-OBSERVED FORCE-ON-FORCE EXERCISE**

Dear R. Jason Faddis:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your letter, "NRC-Observed Force-on-Force Exercise, (24G-26-0008)" dated May 28, 2026 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession number ML26167A273), in which you have requested that the upcoming force-on-force exercise to be conducted by Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) on August 18th, 2026, serve as the 2026 annual NRC-observed exercise for this calendar year.

The staff has completed its review of the request and found that it is acceptable in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 73.46(b)(9). The staff agrees that the request does not create a decrease in the safeguard's effectiveness or of the facility's physical protection program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room, or from ADAMS.

Please feel free to contact Josh Berry at (301) 287-3647 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Brice A. Bickett, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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