UNITED STATES



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION II SAM NUNN ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET, SW, SUITE 23T85 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8931

August 22, 2006

EA-06-179 CAL No. 02-06-003 NRC Event Nos. 42393, 42411

Mr. Dwight B. Ferguson, Jr. President, Chief Executive Officer Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. P. O. Box 337, MS 123 Erwin, TN 37650

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF CLOSED PRE-DECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 70-143/2006-006), NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC. - DOCKET NO. 70-143

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

This letter confirms the conversation of August 17, 2006, between Marie Moore of your staff and William Gloersen of this office concerning the pre-decisional enforcement conference that has been scheduled for September 5, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) in the Region II Office, located at the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Suite 23T85, Atlanta, GA 30303. A meeting notice is enclosed. The purpose of the pre-decisional enforcement conference is to discuss the apparent violations associated with the inadvertent transfer of approximately **Control** of high enriched uranyl nitrate solution to a filter enclosure not approved for operation in the blended low enriched uranium (BLEU) preparation facility (BPF) which subsequently spilled onto the **Control** floor on March 6, 2006. The apparent violations were discussed in Inspection Report No. 70-143/2006-006. For further details, please refer to our letters to you dated June 9 and August 4, 2006.

We note that you formally requested that the issues related to this event be resolved under the NRC's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) pilot program rather than our normal enforcement process. If we proceed with a conference using the ADR process, representatives of my staff will contact you to reach a mutually acceptable date and time for the conference. Otherwise, the pre-decisional enforcement conference as noted above will be closed to public observation in accordance with the Commission's program as discussed in the Enforcement Policy due to the discussion of proprietary information and the sensitive nature of information to be discussed pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390.

D. B. Ferguson, Jr.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (404) 562-4700 or Ms. Carolyn F. Evans, Enforcement Officer, at (404) 562-4414.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Douglas M. Collins, Director Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

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

Enclosure: Meeting Notice

cc w/encl:

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August 22, 2006

- CLOSED MEETING NOTICE SUBJECT:
- FACILITY: Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.
- DOCKET: 70-143

LOCATION:

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, September 5, 2006 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Pre-decisional Enforcement Conference)

> **Region II Office** Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street SW Suite 23T85 Atlanta, GA 30303

The purpose of the Pre-decisional Enforcement Conference is to discuss PURPOSE: the apparent violations associated with the inadvertent transfer of of high enriched uranyl nitrate solution to a filter approximately enclosure not approved for operation in the blended low enriched uranium (BLEU) preparation facility (BPF) which subsequently spilled floor on March 6, 2006. This meeting will onto the be closed to the public due to the discussion of proprietary and sensitive material.

ADAMS ACCESSION NUMBER FOR MEETING PACKAGE: ML062330221

NRC OFFICES **PARTICIPATING:** NMSS, Region II

OTHER ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATING: Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.

MEETING CONTACT:

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