

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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March 1, 2019

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

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC., LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF

LICENSED ACTIVITIES (NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

INSPECTION REPORT 70-143/2019-001)

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff in the Region II office, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response completed a periodic review of Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) performance in conducting NRC-licensed activities. The performance review covered licensed activities from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018. The performance of NFS was evaluated in the areas of Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, Safeguards and Other Areas in accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2604, "Licensee Performance Review."

Overall, the staff determined that NFS has continued to conduct activities safely and securely, and in a manner that protects public health and the environment. Based on our review of activities, no area needing improvement was identified in the performance areas mentioned above. Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct the core inspection program for a Category I Fuel Facility as described in NRC IMC 2600, Appendix B, "NRC Core Inspection Requirements Table 1," for the next performance assessment period (January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020).

The results of our review will be discussed with you at a public meeting on May 16, 2019 at the Town Hall in Erwin, TN.

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Please refer questions and comments regarding your performance review to Mr. Brannen Adkins, Acting Chief, Projects Branch 1, by telephone at 404-997-4620.

Sincerely,

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