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NRC Annual Review Gives MOX Highest Overall Rating for Fifth Consecutive Year

AIKEN, S.C., April 1, 2015 – For the fifth consecutive year, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has concluded that the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility met the commission’s highest standards reporting that no specific performance issues were identified.

The NRC’s most recent annual performance review of the MOX Project under construction at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina covers the 2014 calendar year. The review marks the fifth consecutive year the NRC annual report did not identify any areas needing improvement at the MOX Project.

“Everyone associated with the MOX Project can take pride in this accomplishment,” said David Del Vecchio, president and project manager of CB&I AREVA MOX Services. “For the past five years, we have been diligent in our efforts to ensure we are in complete compliance with the NRC and the US government, and this is a testament to our hard work.”

According to the NRC review, the NRC determined that the MOX facility was being constructed in a manner that preserved public health and safety and was consistent with the commission’s rules and regulations. In addition, the report said the construction program was sufficiently implemented to support ongoing construction activities and that CB&I AREVA MOX Services management and quality assurance oversight adequately monitored and assessed onsite construction activities.

The NRC has a resident inspection team at the project that is supplemented numerous times a year with a larger team of inspectors. The inspections of the MOX facility include construction, equipment, design control, supplier oversight, software and other areas.

The NRC report comes on the heels of the project’s new safety record of surpassing 21 million consecutive work hours in February without a lost workday due to injury for the project’s workforce of approximately 1,700 employees.

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