

April 26, 2006

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AREVA NP, INC.'S SUBMITTAL OF ANNUAL
FINANCIAL TEST UPDATE FOR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL
ASSURANCE (TAC L31946)

Dear Mr. Link:

We have received your Annual Financial Test Update for Decommissioning Financial Assurance for the Richland Facility (Source Materials License Number SNM-1227) via letter dated April 14, 2006. Your request has been assigned TAC L31946. Please reference this number in all future correspondence associated with this request.

Please note that the complete review may identify omissions in the submittal information or technical issues that require additional information. Based on our acceptance review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of October 2006. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-6155 or via e-mail to mnbnrc.gov.

In addition, a copy of your submittal has been forwarded to the License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, who will contact you separately if the appropriate license fee has not been submitted for your request, or for billing if your request is subject to full cost fee recovery.

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