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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II
David A. Ayres, Chief
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Division of Fuel Facility Inspection
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Dear Mr. Ayres:

Subject: NRC Inspection Report No. 70-1257/2006-005 and Notice of Violation

Please find enclosed the signed and dated copy of NRC Form 591FF Part 1 as requested in your letter to Ron Land dated 6/20/06. The stipulation at the bottom of the form regarding the Licensee's Statement of Corrective Actions has been struck out. The as-typed statement is not accurate as, at the time of the exit meeting, the concerns were discussed as "potential items of non-compliance" and corrective actions were not described by us the licensee to the inspector.

We do intend to respond as required in the attached Notice of Violation in accordance with 10 CFR 2.201.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Link', written over a white background.

R. E. Link, Manager
Environmental, Health, Safety & Licensing

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AREVA NP INC.

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SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

<p>1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: Areva NP, Inc. 2101 Horn Rapids Road Richland, Washington 99352</p>	<p>2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II, Division of Fuel Facilities Inspection 61 Forsyth Street, Suite 23T85 Atlanta, GA 30303</p>
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REPORT

<p>3. DOCKET NUMBER(S) 70-1257</p>	<p>4. LICENSE NUMBER(S) SNM-1227</p>	<p>5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION May 15-25, 2006</p>
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LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, NUREG-1600, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.



_____ Non-Cited Violation(s) was/were discussed involving the following requirement(s) and Corrective Action(s):

- 4. During this inspection certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.

(Violations and Corrective Actions)

Licensee's Statement of Corrective Actions for Item 4, above.

~~Hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved).~~ I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

Title	Printed Name	Signature	Date
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE	ROBERT LINK		6/28/06
NRC INSPECTOR	Wayne L. Britz/Omar Lopez		6/20/06