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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Request for Review and Approval of ANP-10266NP, "AREVA NP Inc. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for Design and Deployment of the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR) Topical Report"

- Ref.: 1. Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Request for Review and Approval of 56-9017592-00, 'Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for Design and Deployment of the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR)'," NRC: 06:027, June 16, 2006
- Ref.: 2 Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Proposed Plan the Pre-Application Review of the U.S. EPR," NRC:06:036, September 8, 2006

Dear Mr. Matthews:

AREVA NP Inc. submitted the Quality Assurance Plan for the U.S. EPR to the U.S. NRC on June 16, 2006 (Reference 1). Subsequently, in a telecon between AREVA and the NRC on September 7, 2006, the NRR Project Manager requested that AREVA resubmit the Quality Assurance Plan as a topical report. Therefore, AREVA requests the NRC's review and approval of document ANP-10266NP, "AREVA NP Inc. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for Design and Deployment of the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR) Topical Report." The QAP topical report, provided as Enclosure 1 of this letter, supersedes document 56-9017592-00 submitted on June 16, 2006 (Reference 1). As discussed during the telecon, AREVA requests review and approval of this Topical Report in the context of the Design Certification Application. Therefore, the representative text of appropriate sections of the Design Certification Document (DCD) Chapter 17, 'Quality Assurance' is provided as Enclosure 2 to provide the context for the NRC's review and approval of the Topical Report. This Enclosure provides the applicable requirements of the eighteen (18) criteria of Appendix B to 10CFR Part 50 as satisfied by the Topical Report.

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AREVA NP Inc. requests approval of the Topical Report by May 2007. If you have any questions related to this submittal, please contact Ms. Sandra M. Sloan, Regulatory Affairs Manager for New Plants Deployment.

She may be reached by telephone at 434-832-2369 or by e-mail at sandra.sloan@areva.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronnie L. Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronnie" and last name "Gardner" clearly legible.

Ronnie L. Gardner, Manager
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AREVA NP Inc.

Enclosures

cc: J. F. Williams
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