

November 21, 2006

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AREVA NP INC.'S SUBMITTAL OF LICENSE
RENEWAL APPLICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (TAC L31975)

Dear Mr. Link:

We have received your license renewal application for the Richland Facility (License Number SNM-1227) via letter dated October 24, 2006. Your request has been assigned TAC number L31975. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Your application has been deemed timely filed, and accordingly, the license will not expire until final action has been taken by this office.

During initial processing, some deficiencies were identified. These deficiencies include the information listed in Enclosure 1 to this letter. The identified information should be provided within 30 days of receipt of this letter, so that your request can be forwarded for technical review. For information that has been provided in previous applications, a clear and specific reference to prior correspondence may be provided in accordance with 10 CFR 70.21(a)(3).

Please note that the complete review may identify additional omissions or technical issues that require additional information. Based on projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of November 2007. 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 by phone at (301) 415-6155, or via e-mail to mnb@nrc.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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Sincerely,

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DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED IN AREVA NP's SUBMITTAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (TAC L31975)

1. Include or reference Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan E07-01-001, Version 2.0 dated June 27, 2006; required by 10 CFR 74 and 70.22(b).
2. Include or reference Physical Protection Plan, Revision 3 dated October 20, 2006; required by 10 CFR 73 and 70.22(h)(1).
3. Include or reference proposed procedures to protect health and minimize danger to life or property in accordance with 10 CFR 70.22(a)(8).
4. Include or reference proposed decommissioning funding plan dated December 19, 2005; required by 10 CFR 70.22(a)(9).
5. Include or reference Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA); required by 10 CFR 70.65(b).
6. A Description of equipment and facilities must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 70.22(a)(7). In addition, 10 CFR 70.65(b) explains that the Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) will not be incorporated in the license. Therefore, descriptions, details, procedures, and elements of individual safety programs such as the radiation protection program (paragraph 4.1), chemical safety program (paragraph 6.1), and fire protection program (paragraph 7.1), must be described in sufficient detail outside the description of the ISA used in this application.

Enclosure