January 4, 2007

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AREVA NP, INC.'S SUBMITTAL OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - PART I - EMERGENCY PLAN, AND PART III - EMERGENCY PLAN, IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES (TAC NO. L32598)

Dear Mr. Link:

We have received your updated Emergency Plan and procedures for the Richland Facility (License Number SNM-1227), via letter TCP:06:081, dated September 20, 2006. Your request has been assigned Technical Assignment Control (TAC) No. L32598. Please reference this TAC number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Based on our projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review prior to the end of June 2007. This date could change depending on the findings of our review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by phone at (301) 415-6155, or via email to mnb@nrc.gov.

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