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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF U.S. EPR ANP-10272, "SOFTWARE
PROGRAM MANUAL TELEPERM XS™ SAFETY SYSTEMS TOPICAL
REPORT," (TAC MD3971)

Dear Mr. Gardner:

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Per AREVA's request, a postsubmittal meeting will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and mostly likely prior to issuing the requests for additional information letter.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee exemption; therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly.

Sincerely,

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