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March 23, 2007

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NRC Event No. 42936

Mr. Charles Perkins
Site Manager
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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF OPEN PRE-DECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 70-1257/2006-010), AREVA NP, INC. (RICHLAND) - DOCKET NO. 70-1257

Dear Mr. Perkins:

This letter confirms the telephone conversation between Bob Link of your staff and Manuel Crespo of this office on March 16, 2007, concerning a pre-decisional enforcement conference. This meeting is being conducted at your request, and is scheduled for April 12, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. (EDT). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the apparent violations associated with the Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) leak on October 23, 2006. The apparent violations were discussed in NRC Inspection Report 70-1257/2006-010. The location of the conference will be at the NRC Region II Office, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 23T85, Atlanta, Georgia. This will be a Category 1 meeting in which the public is invited to observe and will have the opportunity to communicate with the NRC staff after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned, as per the NRC policy statement “Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings,” published in the Federal Register: May 28, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 102, Page 36920-36924). A Meeting Notice is enclosed.

Interested members of the public should contact the meeting coordinators Mr. David Ayres at (404) 562-4711, or Mr. Alphonsa Gooden at (404) 562-4716, indicating their intention to attend by April 10, 2007. This will ensure that sufficient copies of meeting materials are available. Because meetings are sometimes canceled as a result of unforeseen circumstances, members of the public should contact a coordinator at the number shown above to confirm that these meetings will occur as scheduled.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC’s "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC’s document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

Should you have any questions concerning the meeting, please contact me at (404) 562-4700.

Sincerely,

/RA/
Douglas M. Collins, Director
Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

Docket No. 70-1257
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Enclosure: Meeting Notice

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SUBJECT:	OPEN MEETING NOTICE
FACILITY:	AREVA NP, INC. - RICHLAND
DATE & TIME:	Thursday, April 12, 2007 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pre-decisional Enforcement Conference)
LOCATION:	Region II Office Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street SW Suite 23T85 Atlanta, GA 30303
PURPOSE:	The purpose of the pre-decisional Enforcement Conference is to discuss the apparent violations associated with the Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) leak which resulted in a worker incurring a short duration exposure to HF vapor.
NRC OFFICES PARTICIPATING:	NMSS, REGION II
OTHER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION(S):	AREVA NP, INC.
MEETING CONTACT:	Alphonsa Gooden, NRC, RII; 404-562-4716; axg@nrc.gov

Enclosure