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Response to an RAI on the Topical Report ANP-10263P "Codes and Methods Applicability Report for the U.S. EPR"

Ref. 1: Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Request for Review and Approval of ANP-10263(P) Revision 0, 'Codes and Methods Applicability Report for the U.S. EPR'," NRC:06:032, August 10, 2006.

Ref. 2: Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Proposed Plan for the Pre-Application Review of the U.S. EPR," NRC:06:036, September 8, 2006.

Ref. 3: Letter, Getachew Tesfaye (NRC) to Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc), "Request for Additional Information Regarding Topical Report ANP-10263(P), 'Codes and Methods Applicability Report for the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR)' (TAC No. MD2803)," February 28, 2007.

Ref. 4: Letter, Larry J. Burkhart (NRC) to Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.), "Acceptance for Review of 'Codes and Methods Applicability Report for the U.S. EPR' Topical Report (TAC No. MD2803)," October 16, 2006.

AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) requested the NRC's review and approval of the topical report ANP-10263(P) Revision 0 in Reference 1. This topical report was identified as a pre-application submittal in Attachment 3 of Reference 2.

The NRC provided a Request for Additional Information (RAI) regarding this topical report in Reference 3. The response to this RAI is enclosed with this letter, ANP-10263Q1P Revision 0, "Response to Request for Additional Information ANP-10263P, 'Codes and Methods Applicability Report for the U.S. EPR'."

AREVA NP plans to reference the topical report ANP-10263P Revision 0 in its Design Control Document (DCD) for the U.S. EPR. Therefore, AREVA NP requests that the NRC provide timely feedback and interactions to inform development of the DCD. Reference 4 states that the NRC plans to complete its review of the topical report and issue the draft safety evaluation by June 30, 2007. AREVA NP understands that this timely response to the RAI supports the scheduled deliverable of the draft safety evaluation.

AREVA NP considers some of the material contained in the enclosed document to be proprietary. As required by 10 CFR 2.390(b), an affidavit is enclosed to support the withholding of the information from public disclosure. Proprietary and non-proprietary versions of the document are provided on the enclosed CDs.

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,



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Enclosures

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requested qualifies under 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) "Trade secrets and commercial or financial information".

6. The following criteria are customarily applied by AREVA NP to determine whether information should be classified as proprietary:

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9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Jerald S Holm

SUBSCRIBED before me this 27th
day of March, 2007.

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