

May 1, 2007

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FACILITY CHANGES AND THE INTEGRATED SAFETY
ANALYSIS ANNUAL UPDATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006 (TAC L32604)

Dear Mr. Link:

This letter is in response to your January 15, 2007 submittal, which contained a list of facility changes made to the AREVA NP, Inc. facility, in Richland, WA, during calendar year 2006. Our review determined that all the facility changes we reviewed were appropriately made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 70.72, and that prior U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of these changes were not required. We have no further questions at this time. It is recommended, however, that future submittals of brief summaries for the calendar year internally authorized changes: (1) indicate if a change was physically made to a structure, system, or component, and (2) indicate the document(s) modified due to the change. This will facilitate a more expedited risk-informed review.

Technical Assignment Number L32604 is closed upon issuance of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Merritt N. Baker by phone at (301) 415-6155, or via e-mail to mnbnrc.gov.

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