

October 24, 2007

Mr. Michael Garner, Executive Director
Northwest Interstate Compact on
Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management
Department of Ecology
State of Washington
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR NRC IMPORT LICENSE (IW018)

Dear Mr. Garner:

Enclosed for your consideration is an application for a license (IW018), received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA), concerning imports of U.S.-origin radioactive waste from France. The license will allow for the import, transport, processing and disposal of up to 457.0 kilograms of dry Class A waste contaminated with various radionuclides and up to 88.0 kilograms of Class C contaminated resins. The waste was generated as a result of the French decontamination and restoration of portions of an U.S.-owned Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP).

AREVA will consolidate and thermally treat its RCP-related waste at Duratek in Tennessee (converting it all to Class A), and transport the Class A material to the EnergySolutions site in Clive, Utah for disposal.

Public Notice that the NRC received this application was published in the Federal Register on August 1, 2006. In addition, the NRC forwarded AREVA's request to the U.S. Department of State on June 2, 2006, for assistance in notifying the Government of France of the transactions proposed. The NRC also requested the State Department's views as to whether approving the license would be consistent with the guidelines in the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and Safety of Radioactive Waste Management.

We are also forwarding a copy of this request to the Southeast Compact Commission and the States of Tennessee and Utah for their consideration.

It would be greatly appreciated if within two weeks of the date of this letter, you could respond with any comments you may have concerning the import request, or if necessary, provide an estimate of how much additional time may be required to complete your review and provide a written response to the NRC.

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We also welcome your response by e-mail or telefax, and request that you refer to NRC license application IW018 in your response. Please send your response to Paul MacMurdy's email address (phm1@nrc.gov) or to our office telefax number at (301) 415-2395. If you respond by e-mail, please send a copy of your email response to Mr. Stephen Dembek (sxd@nrc.gov).

Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-2342 or Mr. MacMurdy at (301) 415-1690.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief
Export Controls and International Organizations
Office of International Programs

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