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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES AND CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AREVA NP INC., IN RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Yeager:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a license application from AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA) to renew Special Nuclear Materials License SNM-1227 for a term of 40 years (proposed action). The facility is licensed by the NRC to manufacture fuel assemblies and intermediate fuel components for commercial nuclear reactors. The AREVA site is approximately 320 acres and located at 2101 Horn Rapids Road, within the Northern limits of the City of Richland, Washington (Enclosure 1). Within the site boundary, a 50 acre fenced exclusion area contains the processing and production buildings, and an administrative office building. The remaining land area is used as a parking area, leased to local farmers for agricultural purposes, or remain undeveloped.

As established in Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51), the NRC regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the NRC is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The EA will include an analysis of potential impacts to endangered or threatened species or critical habitat in the action area. Please provide information that you may have regarding the presence of

endangered or threatened species or critical habitat in the action area. After analyzing all the information collected, the NRC will follow up with your office regarding compliance with the Section 7 consultation process.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jeannette Arce of my staff by telephone at 301-415-4149 or by email at jxa7@nrc.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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