

September 8, 2008

Jessica Gonzalez
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT FOR THE PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL OF AREVA NP FUEL
FABRICATION FACILITY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

By letter dated October 24, 2006, AREVA NP, Inc. submitted a license renewal application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to continue operations at their AREVA NP Fuel Fabrication Facility in Richland, WA. The AREVA NP site is approximately 320 acres and located at 2101 Horn Rapids Road, within the Northern limits of the City of Richland, Washington. 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 undeveloped. The NRC developed a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) as a part of its review of this license renewal application. After preparing this EA the NRC has determined that the proposed action will have no significant impact on the environment.

A copy of the draft EA is enclosed in this letter. As required by 36 CFR 800.4(a), the NRC is requesting concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) associated with the proposed action to renew the license to allow continued operations at the AREVA NP site. To support a timely review of the AREVA NP license renewal application, the NRC staff is requesting that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide a response by September 26, 2008.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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Sincerely,

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Office of Federal and State Materials
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