

**Northwest Interstate Compact**  
**On Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management**

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IW024

October 29, 2008

Mr. Stephen Dembek, Branch Chief  
Export Controls and International Organizations  
Office of International Programs  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Application for NRC Import License (IW024)

Dear Mr. Dembek:

Thank you for your April 30, 2008 letter requesting comments on the AREVA NP Inc. import license application (IW024). If approved, the import license will allow one 55-gallon drum containing contaminated metal shavings, rejected parts, and protective clothing and rags to be imported from France.

The waste identified in the import license request resulted from the refurbishment of a reactor coolant pump in France. The reactor coolant pump originally became contaminated through use at the D.C. Cook power plant in Michigan. The pump was then to France to be refurbished. AREVA NP Inc. is requesting they be allowed to import the wastes generated as a result of the refurbishment. This waste will be processed at EnergySolutions Bear Creek facility and the resulting waste will be shipped to the Clive, Utah facility for disposal.

The Northwest Compact has no issue with import license application IW024. I would like to thank you for allowing me to defer my response until after the October meeting of the Northwest Compact Committee. Should you have any questions regarding my response please contact me at (360) 407-7102.

Sincerely,



Mike Garner, Executive Director  
Northwest Interstate Compact

cc: Northwest Compact Committee