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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II  
Attn: Mary Thomas, Sr. Inspector  
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Dear Ms Thomas:

**Subject: Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding the Safeguard Evaluation Report for Revision 4.0 of AREVA NP Inc.'s Physical Protection Plan (PPP) (TAC No. L32697)**

Ref.: 1. Letter, R.L. Rodriguez to T.J. Tate, "Request for Additional Information Regarding the Safeguard Evaluation Report for Revision 4.0 of AREVA NP Inc.'s Physical Protection Plan (License No. SNM-1227; Docket No. 70-1257) (TAC No. L32697)"; November 26, 2008.

Via the referenced letter received by AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA) on December 4, 2008, the NRC conveyed a six item Request for Additional Information (RAI) relative to AREVA's pending Revision 4.0 of its Physical Protection Plan for the Richland site. The revision of that Physical Protection Plan was submitted to the NRC on August 19, 2008.

AREVA's response to the RAI items are provided in Attachment A in the form of revised sections from AREVA's pending (Rev. 4.0) Physical Protection Plan. In conducting its review associated with the RAI responses, certain other sections of the transportation portion of the plan were also revised apart from the RAI-related issues, primarily for the sake of clarification of current practices utilized to address 10 CFR 73.67 requirements. The latter revisions, appropriately designated, are also provided in Attachment A. We anticipate submitting a revised Version 4.0 of AREVA's plan, incorporating the changes noted in Attachment A, by January 16, 2009.

Note that this response was delayed at the request of Region II staff from the original requested 30 day response. If you have questions, please contact me at 509-375-8409 or alternatively, Timothy Tate, AREVA's technical contact for the Plan, at 509-375-8550.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. E. Link'.

R. E. Link, Manager  
Environmental, Health, Safety & Licensing

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