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January 20, 2009

Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attention: E. W. Brach, Director
Spent Fuel Project Office

Subject: Request for Renewal of Certificate of Compliance No. 71-9248 for the Model No. SP-1, SP-2, and SP-3 Packages

Dear Mr. Brach:

Per the provisions of 10 CFR 71.38, AREVA NP Inc, an AREVA and Siemens Company, formally requests a renewal of Certificate of Compliance No. 71-9248 for the Model No. SP-1, SP-2, and SP-3 packages. The expiration date of the current certificate (Revision 18) is February 28, 2009. The current package configuration, as demonstrated in the existing submittal application, complies with the IAEA 1985 regulations.

AREVA requests that the Certificate of Compliance for the SP-1, SP-2, and SP-3 packages be renewed for an additional 5-year period. In accordance with 10 CFR 71.19(b), the SP-1, SP-2, and SP-3 packages were originally approved (Revision 0 to the Certificate of Compliance) by the NRC on June 17, 1992 and all packages currently used by AREVA were fabricated prior to April 1, 1999. This provision allows continued use of the package with no new fabrication. The package design has not changed since the previous 5-year renewal and there has been no adverse events reported since the previous renewal.

A consolidated license application is not forthcoming since the SP license documentation available in the NRC Adams system is current with incorporation of two previous amendments dated September 24 and November 6, 2003. Note that an NRC RAI (dated 11/06/2008) is further outstanding to AREVA amendment request dated June 17, 2008, with a planned response submittal date of February 27, 2009.

If you or your staff have any questions, require additional information, or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at 434-832-5172. Please reference our unique document identification number in any correspondence concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard D. Montgomery".

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