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May 28, 2009

Mr. Charles Perkins
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 70-1257/2009-003

Dear Mr. Perkins:

This refers to the inspection conducted from April 28-30, 2009, at the AREVA - Richland facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. A pre-exit meeting was conducted on April 30, 2009. A final exit meeting was conducted on May 21, 2009, at which time the inspector discussed the findings with you and members of your staff.

As a result of the inspection, the enclosed NRC Form 591FF, Safety Inspection Report, Parts 1 and 3, are being issued. The enclosed form indicates that no violations were identified during the inspection of your licensed activities. However, the inspectors identified exercise weaknesses involving command and control and communications. Please retain the original form for your files.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket No. 70-1257
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Enclosure: (See page 2)

Enclosure: NRC Form 591FF Parts 1 and 3

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