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Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager  
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AREVA NP, INC.'S UPDATED DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING  
PLAN FOR ITS RICHLAND, WASHINGTON FACILITY (TAC NO. L32821)

Dear Mr. Link:

On January 23, 2009, AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA) submitted an updated version of its decommissioning funding plan (DFP) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), pursuant to the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), § 70.25(e). In support of the technical review, the NRC staff submitted a request for additional information (RAI) on April 28, 2009. AREVA responded to this RAI letter on June 2, 2009, and subsequently revised its updated DFP with a submittal dated July 9, 2009. The NRC staff has completed its review of AREVA's DFP and the supporting information and concludes that the DFP is acceptable and meets the requirements in 10 CFR 70.25(e). AREVA should submit to the NRC, within a reasonable amount of time, an updated Schedule A to its Standby Trust Agreement to reflect the new date when the decommissioning cost estimate was approved.

Upon issuance of this letter, TAC L32821 will be closed.

If you have and questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 492-3111 or via email to [Rafael.Rodriguez@nrc.gov](mailto:Rafael.Rodriguez@nrc.gov)

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Sincerely,

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