

December 4, 2009

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SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION FOR PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR OWNERS GROUP TOPICAL REPORT BAW-10179P, REVISION 8, "SAFETY CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY FOR ACCEPTABLE CYCLE RELOAD ANALYSIS" (TAC NO. ME2169)

Dear Mr. Nowinowski:

By letter dated July 31, 2009, AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA), on behalf of the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) submitted topical report (TR) BAW-10179P, Revision 8, "Safety Criteria and Methodology for Acceptable Cycle Reload Analysis," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review and approval for referencing in licensing actions. Enclosed for PWROG review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft safety evaluation (SE) for the TR.

Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), we have determined that the enclosed draft SE does not contain proprietary information. However, we will delay placing the draft SE in the public document room for a period of 10 working days from the date of this letter to provide you with the opportunity to comment on the proprietary aspects. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. After 10 working days, the draft SE will be made publicly available, as appropriate, and an additional 10 working days are provided to you to comment on any factual errors or clarity concerns contained in the draft SE. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft SE will be discussed in the final SE.

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To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments, please provide a marked-up copy of the draft SE showing proposed changes and provide a summary table of the proposed changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Rowley at 301-415-4053.

Sincerely,

/RA/ MMcCoppin Acting for

Stacey L. Rosenberg, Chief
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