

November 12, 2010

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS TO LICENSE NO. SNM-1227;
AREVA NP, RICHLAND FACILITY

Dear Mr. Link:

On October 8, 2010, AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA) submitted administrative revisions to the license No. SNM-1227 and license application. According to the letter, AREVA requests these revisions to its current license because there are outdated and/or unnecessary conditions. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed AREVA's submittal and concluded that it is sufficient to begin a detailed technical review.

Your request has been assigned TAC L33048. Please refer to this TAC in all correspondence associated with this action.

Based on projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of March 2011. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

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If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact me by phone at 301-492-3172, or via e-mail to Marilyn.Diaz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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