March 10, 2011

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT REQUEST TO LICENSE NO. SNM-1227; CHANGES TO CHAPTER 2.0, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION; AREVA NP RICHLAND FACILITY (DOCKET NO. 70-1257)

Dear Mr. Link:

We have received your application for amendment of Material License SNM-1227 transmitted by letter dated February 14, 2011. Your request has been assigned TAC No. L33111. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

The NRC staff has accepted the submittal and concluded that the application is sufficient to begin a detailed review. Please note that the complete review of the changes may identify issues that require additional information. Based on our preliminary review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the beginning of August, 2011. This date could change depending on the findings of our review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

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.

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