

April 12, 2011

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL 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:

By letter dated February 14, 2011, AREVA NP, Inc., (AREVA) submitted an amendment request (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML1104704180) to Materials License No. SNM-1227 to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). AREVA proposed changes include revisions to Chapter 2.0, Organization and Administration, specifically Section 2.1, Site Organization; and 2.2, "Organizational Responsibilities and Authority", for the Richland fuel fabrication facility. The request is made pursuant to the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 70.34.

The NRC staff determined that the proposed change to remove the position of the Fuel America (FA) Vice President, Manufacturing referred to in Section 2.1, continues to provide reasonable assurance of adequate safety for the fuel fabrication facility operations. The Safety Evaluation Report (SER) enclosed concludes that AREVA's organizational changes and restructure will not have an adverse impact on the public health and safety, the common defense and security, or the environment. The SER includes the categorical exclusion determination.

Upon issuance of this letter, TAC L33111 will be closed.

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If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 492-3172, or via e-mail to Marilyn.Diaz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. AREVA Safety Evaluation Report
2. Approval of License Amendment 2
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