



Docket 70-1201
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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATT: Richard Thompson
Washington DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: **Categorical Exclusion** for; License Amendment Request to Downgrade SNM-1168 from a Fuel Manufacturing Plant to Decommissioning Status.

REFERENCE: (1) AREVA amendment request, "License Amendment Request to Downgrade SNM-1168 from a Fuel Manufacturing Plant to Decommissioning Status", dated March 31, 2011.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On March 31, 2011 AREVA requested a license amendment to downgrade the SNM-1168 license via reference (1). This request meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion according to 10 CFR 51.22(11).

Specifically, as a result of the issuance of an amendment to the licenses (i) there will be no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, (ii) there will be no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure, (iii) there will be no significant construction impact, and (iv) there will be no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents.

Please contact me or Bill Sharkey at 434-832-5205 or by e-mail at Robert.sharkey.ext@areva.com if you have any questions or required further information.

Sincerely

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