



REMARKS to the NRC ASLB
July 11, 2011

Grow Idaho Falls, the economic development agency for Idaho Falls, Ammon, and Bonneville County, has been an ardent supporter of the AREVA Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility (EREF). We believe that the NRC has conducted all of the appropriate investigations to ensure that the EREF is a functional and safe facility.

In light of the current hearing issues, we feel that the Fukushima Daiichi accident was precipitated by a tragic earthquake event, compounded by a tsunami, and hampered by conditions and operations which would not be similar to the EREF in Idaho. While this event has had major political and economic implications for the nuclear industry, we feel it would be unrealistic to believe that the need for nuclear fuel for the existing 104 baseload nuclear power reactors in the US is somehow unnecessary.

In fact, in a recent AREVA press release, the AREVA/Veolia decontamination system for the Fukushima Daiichi plant has just reached the milestone of treating 18,000 tons of highly-radioactive waters to-date. This represents 15% of the accumulated volume. This unique system can treat up to 50 tons of contaminated waters per hour. This demonstrates the capability of AREVA to address, initiate, and implement remediation activities efficiently.

CO2 emission reductions globally are best achieved by replacing coal and oil combustion with nuclear electric power. Renewables cannot replace the baseload capacity for electricity production on a 24/7/365 basis. Therefore, nuclear power is still the best stable, cost effective, and potentially plentiful energy source for homes, agriculture, and manufacturing.

We believe that the AREVA EREF project substantially adds to the energy security of the US, and we encourage you to allow pre-construction activities, as well as issue the license for this much needed facility as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Steven Frej, President

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Attachment: AREVA 7/11/11 Press Release

PRESS RELEASE

Fukushima: AREVA/Veolia system successfully contributes to treating contaminated waters

Paris, July 11th, 2011

The decontamination system co-developed by AREVA and Veolia Water* for the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant has just reached the milestone of 18 000 tons of highly-radioactive waters treated to-date, representing 15% of the accumulated volume.

Installed on the Fukushima site that was severely damaged following an earthquake and tsunami that hit the North-East of Japan in March, the system was designed, constructed, and launched in a record-short time (2 months) and is an essential element to stabilize the situation of the nuclear plants. It will improve the access of workers to strategic parts of the site, and allow TEPCO (Tokyo Electric Power Company) to re-circulate the waters that are used for cooling the reactors.

Constructed and commissioned by AREVA and Veolia experts, the system reduces the water radioactivity level by a factor of 10 000 and can treat up to 50 tons of contaminated waters per hour. These technologies have a proven track record in AREVA's La Hague and Marcoule facilities and across hundreds of Veolia Water projects in the world.

All together, over 200 AREVA and 60 Veolia experts from France, Germany, the United States, Japan and Sweden were mobilized non-stop on this project.

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