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Gentlemen:

**Subject: Application for Amendment to License No. SNM-1227; Ownership Consolidation
(Docket No. 70-1257)**

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform the NRC of a consolidation in the top-level ownership of AREVA NP Inc. and to request an administrative amendment to AREVA NP Inc.'s Richland facility license to reflect this change. As noted in Section 1.2.1, Corporate Identity, of the Richland site's current NRC license, Siemens AG has been a minority (34%) owner of AREVA NP SAS, with majority ownership being held by AREVA. In a mutual commercial decision, AREVA has purchased Siemens AG's minority interest in AREVA NP SAS, transitioning itself from controlling majority partner to sole owner of AREVA NP SAS. As before, and as currently set forth in Section 1.2.1 of the current SNM-1227 license, AREVA NP SAS remains the sole shareholder of AREVA NP USA, Inc., which in turn continues as the sole shareholder of AREVA NP Inc., the owner/operator of the Richland facility.

This top-level ownership consolidation has no impact on licensed activities carried out at the Richland facility. AREVA NP Inc. remains the licensee, conducting its licensed activities at the same location, in the same facilities, and utilizing the same equipment, processes, and procedures. The consolidation in ownership entails no changes to the management structure as described in the current license nor in the manner in which health, safety, and environmental programs are managed and implemented on the site. As such there are no needed revisions to the Richland site license other than a change to Section 1.2.1 to reflect AREVA's acquisition of Siemens AG's minority interest in AREVA NP SAS. A revised Chapter 1, General Information, incorporating this change is attached.

If you have questions concerning this requested revision, please feel free to contact me at 509-375-8409.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. E. Link'.

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