

November 30, 2011

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT REQUEST TO LICENSE NO. SNM-1227,
OWNERSHIP CONSOLIDATION, AREVA NP, INC., RICHLAND FACILITY

Dear Mr. Link:

By letter dated August 24, 2011, AREVA NP, Inc., (AREVA) submitted an application (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML11241A143) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to amend Chapter 1 of the License Application (LA), including changed pages for Section 1.2.1 of the LA. AREVA NP SAS was the majority owner, with Siemens AG holding a minority portion. AREVA NP SAS purchased Siemens's corporate shares and retains full ownership of AREVA. As a result, AREVA revised Chapter 1, General Information, incorporating this consolidation. The request is made pursuant to the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 70.34.

The Safety Evaluation Report (SER) enclosed concludes that AREVA's ownership consolidation and revisions made to the LA will not have an impact on the public health and safety, the common defense and security, or the environment. The SER includes the categorical exclusion determination.

As discussed with your staff License Item 1.A, the addition of "any enrichment" already approved as part of Amendment 3, was not previously added. Enclosed is the corrected license, which reflects the change of Amendment 3 in Item 1.A.

Upon issuance of this letter, Technical Assignment Control No. L33176 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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