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Mr. Pedro Salas, Manager
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SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION FOR AREVA NP, INC. TOPICAL REPORT ANP-10297P, REVISION 0, "THE ARCADIA[®] REACTOR ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR PWRs METHODOLOGY DESCRIPTION AND BENCHMARKING RESULTS" (TAC NO. ME3911)

Dear Mr. Salas:

By letter dated March 31, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML100950584), AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) ANP-10297P, Revision 0, "The ARCADIA[®] Reactor Analysis System for PWRs [Pressurized Water Reactors] Methodology Description and Benchmark Results." Enclosed for AREVA review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft safety evaluation (SE) for the TR.

Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), we believe that the enclosed draft SE may contain proprietary information. However, we have not marked the specific proprietary information and are providing you with the opportunity to comment on the proprietary aspects. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390.

Twenty working days are provided for you to comment on the proprietary aspects and provide any factual errors or clarity concerns contained in the SE. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and a non-proprietary version will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft SE will be discussed in the final SE.

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To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments, please provide a marked-up copy of the draft SE showing proposed changes and provide a summary table of the proposed changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Rowley at (301) 415-4053.

Sincerely,

/Holly Cruz for RA/

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