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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
Attn: Ms. Holly Cruz

Dear Ms. Cruz:

AREVA NP Inc. Request for Q-Clearance for Mr. Herbert Richardson

AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA) is requesting a Q-clearance for Mr. Herbert Richardson. Mr. Richardson is AREVA's Vice President of Security and Loss Prevention. He reports to Mike Rencheck, Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Richardson also serves as a member of the U.S. Executive Committee.

Mr. Richardson's activities include oversight of security and emergency preparedness for all of AREVA's North American operations. These activities involve security standards and related policies and procedures, security and threat awareness, and emergency preparedness and event response actions, such as Fukushima lessons learned and response enhancements. Performance of these activities will require a Q-clearance.

In addition, his duties involve monitoring and ensuring the validity and effectiveness of processes that prevent foreign ownership interests from directing or deciding matters that affect management or operations in a manner that could result in (1) unauthorized access to classified information, or (2) adverse performance of classified contracts.

Mr. Richardson has most recently served with the U.S. Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction where he maintained a Q-clearance. Mr. Richardson has also served as the Principal Deputy Inspector General for the Department of Energy and as Chief of Criminal Justice Investigative Services for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We request that Mr. Richardson's clearance be reactivated so that he may have access to classified information to allow him to perform the functions previously described. Mr. Richardson's clearance can only be reactivated by invitation from an appropriate official at their sponsoring agency (the NRC).

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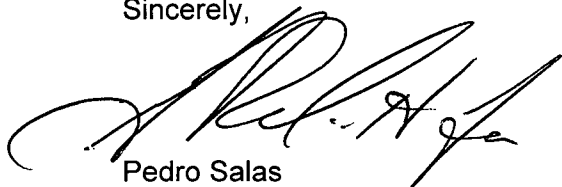
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Please advise me of the actions needed to ensure the appropriate sponsorship by the NRC of the requested clearance. If you have any questions related to this request, please contact Ms. Gayle F. Elliott, Product Licensing Manager. She may be reached by telephone at 434-832-3347, or by e-mail at gayle.elliott@areva.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Salas', written in a cursive style.

Pedro Salas
Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: V. B. Kerben
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