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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE OF PROPRIETARY MATERIALS REGARDING  
"SUBMITTAL OF TECHNICAL REPORT ANP-10322P, QUALIFICATION AND  
TESTING OF THE U.S. EPR PASSIVE AUTOCATALYTIC RECOMBINER, IN  
SUPPORT OF THE U.S. EPR DESIGN CERTIFICATION APPLICATION"

Dear Mr. Salas:

By email dated June 14, 2012, and associated affidavit executed by Gayle F. Elliott on June 14, 2012 (Agency wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12171A085), you submitted a document: Submittal of Technical Report ANP-10322P, "Qualification and Testing of the U.S. EPR Passive Autocatalytic Recombiner," in support of the U.S EPR Design Certification Application. You requested that this document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 390.

A proprietary copy of this document has been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Document Room and added to the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS Accession No. ML12171A088). The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

The information reveals details of AREVA NP's research and development plans and programs or their results.

Use of information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditure, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.

The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.

The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA NP in product optimization or marketability.

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We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future, such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC staff. You also should understand that the NRC staff may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC staff makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3361.

Sincerely,

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