

November 6, 2012

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SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2013 REVIEW PRIORITY OF AREVA NP, INC. TOPICAL REPORTS AND REQUEST FOR LIST OF PLANNED TOPICAL REPORT SUBMITTALS FOR FYS 2013, 2014, AND 2015

Dear Mr. Salas:

On May 2, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted a public meeting to discuss prioritizing the review of topical reports (TRs). At that meeting, the process for determining the priority of a TR review was discussed in detail. The need for this prioritization is due to the limited resources the NRC has to assign to the review of a TR.

As presented at that meeting, several factors were included in the matrix that was applied to each TR to determine its review priority. The details of these factors are documented in the meeting minutes found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System at Accession No. ML12135A525.

The NRC staff has multiple TRs submitted by AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA) for technical review. In order to ensure the efficient utilization of limited resources and to help ensure an effective review process, the NRC staff has prioritized the AREVA TRs it will be reviewing in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. The NRC staff TR priority is contained in Enclosure 1.

The NRC will review all submitted TRs on a quarterly basis, and if the prioritization changes for AREVA, an update to the TR priority in Enclosure 1 will be provided. As was committed to at the May 2, 2012, meeting, the NRC staff is available to meet with AREVA and discuss the results of the prioritization process.

In addition to establishing the priority of submitted TR reviews, the NRC staff is seeking up-to-date information on future AREVA TR submittals. This additional information will help the NRC staff in budget development and resource implementation. In order to help the NRC staff plan for future TR reviews, it is requested that you provide a list of TRs you plan to submit in FY2013, FY2014, and FY2015 (if available). The following information for each TR should be provided:

- if it will apply to existing plants, new reactors, or both,
- the estimated number of licensed facilities planning to use the approved TR,
- any specific operating plant or new reactor type indicated intent to include the safety evaluation in licensing actions once the TR is approved by the NRC staff, and

- if a fee-exemption request will be submitted under Section 170.11 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

Please provide this information by December 14, 2012. The NRC staff plans to request similar future updates at an annual interval to assist us in continually improving our utilization of resources. For your convenience a table format is provided in Enclosure 2 to this letter.

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Sincerely,

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Topical Report Review Priority

Submitting Organization: AREVA NP, Inc.

Review Priority	Report Number	Topical Report Title
1.	ANP-10311P, Revision 0	COBRA-FLX: A Core Thermal-Hydraulic Analysis Code Topical Report
2.	ANP-10297NP, Revision 0	The ARCADIA Reactor Analysis System for PWRs Methodology Description and Benchmarking Results
3.	ANP-10301P, Revision 0	Statistical Universal Power Reconstruction with Fixed Margin Technical Specifications
4.	EMF-3028(P)	“RAMONA5-FA: A Computer Program for BWR Transient Analysis in the Time Domain,” Volume 1, Revision 2, “Users Manual,” dated March 2006, Volume 2, Revision 2, “Theory Manual,” dated April 2006, and RAMONA5, Version 2.4

ENCLOSURE 1

Topical Reports Expected to be Submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

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Report Title	Submitted to NRC for evaluation or information?	Fiscal Year	Will a fee-wavier request be made?	Applies to Operating Plants, New Plants, or Both	How many US Plants will use this TR?	Will SE be referenced in licensing actions?