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**AREVA NP Inc. Meeting with NRC on MOX Fuel Database: Benchmarking Overview**

A meeting between AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) and the NRC was held on October 16, 2012 in Rockville, MD to discuss the MOX fuel database and operational experience. Enclosed is a copy of the proprietary and non-proprietary viewgraphs presented at the meeting.

AREVA NP considers some of the material contained in the attachment to be proprietary. As required by 10 CFR 2.390(b), an affidavit is enclosed to support the withholding of the information from public disclosure.

If you have any questions related to this submittal, please contact Ms. Gayle Elliott, Product Licensing Manager by telephone at 434-832-3347 or by e-mail at [gayle.elliott@areva.com](mailto:gayle.elliott@areva.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Salas', is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Pedro Salas  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
AREVA NP Inc.

**Attachments**

1. Proprietary and Non-Proprietary Viewgraphs for the NRC Meeting on MOX Fuel Database: Benchmarking Overview
2. Notarized Affidavit

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requested qualifies under 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) "Trade secrets and commercial or financial information".

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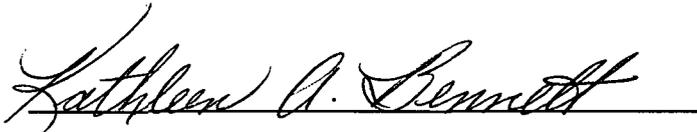
7. In accordance with AREVA NP's policies governing the protection and control of information, proprietary information contained in this Document has been made available, on a limited basis, to others outside AREVA NP only as required and under suitable agreement providing for nondisclosure and limited use of the information.

8. AREVA NP policy requires that proprietary information be kept in a secured file or area and distributed on a need-to-know basis.

9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



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day of October 2012.



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