

November 25, 2013

Mr. Robert E. Link, Manager
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AREVA NP, Inc.
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AREVA NP INC'S DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN FOR
AREVA'S RICHLAND FACILITY (TAC NO. L33240)

Dear Mr. Link:

On January 26, 2012, AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA) submitted an updated version of its decommissioning funding plan (DFP) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), pursuant to the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), § 70.25(e). In support of the technical review, the NRC staff submitted a request for additional information (RAI) on March 22, 2013, and June 18, 2013. AREVA responded to these RAIs on April 22, 2013, and June 20, 2013, respectively. The NRC staff has completed its review of AREVA's DFP and the supporting information and concludes that the DFP is acceptable and meets the requirements in 10 CFR 70.25(e). For further details on the review, please see Enclosure 1.

Within 90 days, AREVA should submit to the NRC the original executed financial assurance instruments to cover the \$38,875,393 Decommissioning Cost Estimate (DCE) including updated Schedule A to its Standby Trust Agreement to reflect the new date when the DCE was approved.

Upon issuance of this letter, Technical Assignment Control Number L33240 will be closed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 301-287-9068, or via e-mail to Marilyn.Diaz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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