

November 26, 2013

Mr. Bob Link  
Manager  
Environmental, Health, Safety, and Licensing  
AREVA NP, Inc.  
2101 Horn Rapids Rd.  
Richland, WA 99354

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AREVA-NP, INC., REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Link:

You submitted an affidavit dated November 15, 2013, requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.390:

1. BWR Fuel and Channel Designs Presentation.

A non-proprietary copy of these documents were placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

The affidavit state that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- Information that discloses a process, method, or component, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by competitors of AREVA-NP, Inc., without license from AREVA-NP, Inc., constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- Information that, if used by a competitor, would reduce their expenditure of resources or improve their competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality or licensing of a similar product.

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.

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

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promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC 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 makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified of the date of public disclosure, in advance which will be a reasonable time thereafter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at 301-287-9241.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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