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**List of Planned Topical Report Submittals for FY2014 through FY2016**

Ref. 1: Letter, Sheldon D. Stuchell (NRC) to Pedro Salas (AREVA NP Inc.), "Fiscal Year 2013 Review Priority of AREVA NP Inc. Topical Reports and Request for List of Planned Topical Report Submittals for FY2013, FY2014, and FY2015," November 6, 2012.

Ref. 2: Letter, Pedro Salas (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "List of Planned Topical Report Submittals for FY2013 through FY2015," NRC:12:065, December 13, 2012.

In response to the request for annual topical report planning information in Reference 1, this letter provides the status of AREVA NP Inc.'s (AREVA NP) topical reports (TRs) that are being developed for future submittal to the NRC for FY2014 through FY2016. The previous topical report planning letter for the period FY2013 through FY2015 was transmitted to the NRC in Reference 2. Attachment A to this letter provides the listing of future AREVA NP TRs. This transmittal also includes a listing of TRs that have been transmitted to the NRC for review, but have not yet received a final Safety Evaluation Report from the NRC (Attachment B).

The listing of AREVA NP Topical Reports planned for submittal in Attachment A includes the scheduled submittal dates by month and year. Per NRC request, the following information is also provided:

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

AREVA NP does not consider the submittal dates provided in Attachment A to be commitments but rather dates for planning purposes. Therefore, there are no commitments provided in this letter.

Note that as a result of recent DOE budget changes, funding for AREVA NP's development of MOX-related design and analysis methodologies has been deferred. The immediate impact is that AREVA NP's plan for submission of the MOX topical reports which appeared in Reference 2 will be delayed. A new schedule for submittal of those topical reports will be developed once the long-term funding situation for the DOE MOX program is fully resolved.

The listing of submitted TRs in Attachment B includes a description of the current state of the review for each submitted report.

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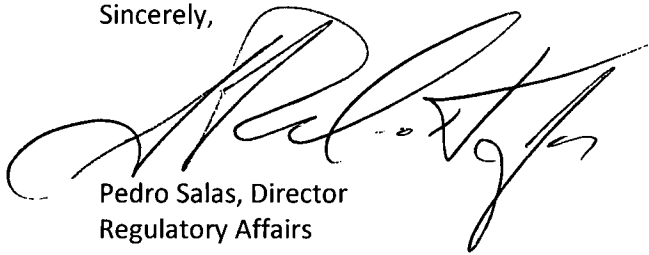
There are no fee exemption requests under Section 170.11 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations that are expected to be made related to the reports in the attached listings.

AREVA NP considers the material contained in the enclosed attachments to be proprietary in their entirety. 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 letter, please contact Mr. Alan B. Meginnis, Product Licensing Manager at 509-375-8266 or by e-mail at [Alan.Meginnis@areva.com](mailto:Alan.Meginnis@areva.com).

We look forward to discussing the status of these reports with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Salas', is written over the printed name and title.

Pedro Salas, Director  
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AREVA NP Inc.

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## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WASHINGTON     )  
                                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BENTON        )

1. My name is Alan B. Meginnis. I am Manager, Product Licensing, for AREVA NP Inc. and as such I am authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. I am familiar with the criteria applied by AREVA NP to determine whether certain AREVA NP information is proprietary. I am familiar with the policies established by AREVA NP to ensure the proper application of these criteria.

3. I am familiar with the AREVA NP information contained in the Attachments to the Letter NRC:13:088, "List of Planned Topical Report Submittals for FY2014 through FY2016," dated December 12, 2013 and referred to herein as "Documents." Information contained in these Documents has been classified by AREVA NP as proprietary in accordance with the policies established by AREVA NP for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

4. These Documents contain information of a proprietary and confidential nature and are of the type customarily held in confidence by AREVA NP and not made available to the public. Based on my experience, I am aware that other companies regard information of the kind contained in these Documents as proprietary and confidential.

5. These Documents have been made available to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in confidence with the request that the information contained in these Documents be withheld from public disclosure. The request for withholding of proprietary information is made in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390. The information for which withholding from disclosure

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

6. The following criteria are customarily applied by AREVA NP to determine whether information should be classified as proprietary:

- (a) The information reveals details of AREVA NP's research and development plans and programs or their results.
- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by AREVA NP, would be helpful to competitors to AREVA NP, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of AREVA NP.

The information in these Documents is considered proprietary for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 6(b), 6(d) and 6(e) above.

7. In accordance with AREVA NP's policies governing the protection and control of information, proprietary information contained in these Documents have 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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SUBSCRIBED before me this 12  
day of December, 2013.

Susan K. McCoy

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF WASHINGTON  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 1/14/2016

