

December 16, 2014

Mr. T. J. Tate, Manager
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF AREVA, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO
LICENSE NO. SNM-1227; INCREASED U-235 POSSESSION LIMIT FOR THE
AREVA, INC. RICHLAND FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY (TECHNICAL
ASSIGNMENT CONTROL NUMBER L33347)

Dear Mr. Tate:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your submittal dated September 23, 2014, transmitting AREVA Richland Facility's application for amendment to special nuclear material license SNM-1227, and supplemental information dated December 10, 2014. Your request has been assigned as Technical Assignment Control Number L33347. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

We have completed our acceptance review of your submittal and have identified no administrative omissions or deficiencies that would prevent us from proceeding with a detailed review. Please note that the complete review of this submittal may identify issues that require additional information. Based on our preliminary evaluation and projection of current schedules, we anticipate completing our formal review by March 2015. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 287-9076, or via e-mail at Soly.Soto@nrc.gov.

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