

February 23, 2015

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM  
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REGARDING AREVA NP INC. SLIDES SUPPORTING  
A PUBLIC MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Dear Mr. Salas:

By your letter dated February 12, 2015, you submitted an affidavit executed by Gayle Elliott, Manager, AREVA Product Licensing, and a proprietary version of your PowerPoint slides supporting a public meeting scheduled for February 5, 2015, in Enclosure 1 supported by Enclosure 2, respectively. AREVA also submitted a public version of the PowerPoint slides in Enclosure 3. AREVA requested that this document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2 Section 390, (2.390) "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding." A publically available, non-proprietary version of this document was simultaneously submitted by AREVA and has been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS Accession No. ML15043A511).

The affidavit enclosed with your email stated that the submitted information is a trade secret and should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- 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.
- The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA in product optimization or marketability.
- The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by AREVA, would be helpful to competitors to AREVA, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of AREVA.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and will 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. Thus, withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants. We will, of course ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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 promptly notify the NRC staff. You also should understand that the NRC staff 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 staff makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-5848 or at [bill.gleaves@nrc.gov](mailto:bill.gleaves@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

*/RA/*

William (Billy) Gleaves, Senior Project Manager  
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Office of New Reactors

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**Enclosure 1**

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