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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Request to Suspend Review of U.S. EPR Design Certification Application

Ref. 1: Letter, Sandra M. Sloan (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Application for Standard Design Certification of the U.S. EPR" (Project No. 733), NRC:07:070, December 11, 2007.

Ref. 2: Letter, Pedro Salas (AREVA Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Closure Plan for U.S. EPR Design Certification Application – FSAR Group B and Group C Chapters," NRC:14:054, September 30, 2014.

AREVA Inc. (AREVA) submitted an application for Standard Design Certification of the U.S. EPR design in Reference 1. Reference 2 contains the most recent closure plan for the remaining U.S. EPR Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) chapters. With this letter, AREVA requests that the NRC suspend the safety review of the U.S. EPR design certification application until further notice.

AREVA has initiated the suspension of associated engineering and licensing activities, and expects all such activities to be suspended by March 31, 2015. AREVA does not intend to modify the U.S. EPR design or to update the FSAR during the suspension period. AREVA will discuss any additional submittals in 2015 with the NRC project manager. This letter supplants the commitments made in Reference 2.

AREVA requests that the NRC suspend work on all submittals in active review in an efficient and expeditious manner and document the work performed to date. AREVA further requests that NRC post no new charges to the U.S. EPR design certification docket after March 27, 2015 unless specifically authorized by AREVA.

AREVA is reviewing regulatory commitments and requirements that could apply during the suspension period and will work with the NRC project manager to ensure compliance. An end date for the suspension period has not been defined. AREVA will contact the NRC staff prior to restarting licensing activity on the design certification to coordinate the resumption of project activities. AREVA contact information for the U.S. EPR project remains the same.

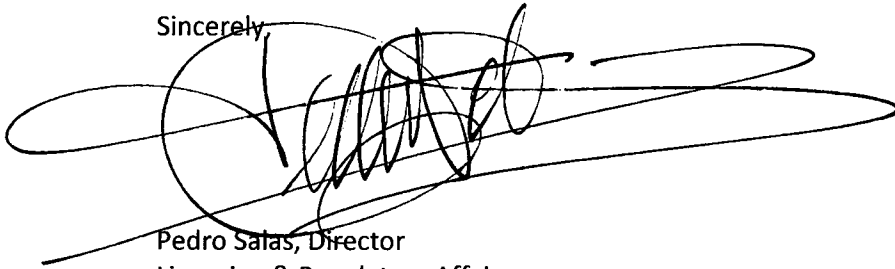
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Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Salas', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly cursive and loops around the line.

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