

May 8, 2015

Mr. Pedro Salas, Director
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
AREVA Inc.
3315 Old Forest Road
Lynchburg, VA 24501

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF AREVA INC. TOPICAL REPORT
ANP-10335P, REVISION 0, "ACE/ATRIUM 11 CRITICAL POWER
CORRELATION" (TAC NO. MF5841)

Dear Mr. Salas:

By letter dated February 27, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Number ML15062A553), AREVA Inc. (AREVA) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) ANP-10335P, Revision 0, "ACE/ATRIUM 11 Critical Power Correlation." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of TR ANP-10335P, Revision 0. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by January 8, 2016, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by August 26, 2016. This schedule takes into consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide appropriate updates to this information.

The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 840 staff hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between AREVA Product Licensing Manager, Alan Meginnis, and the NRC staff on April 16, 2015.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the SE will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the issuance of the final SE.

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-4053.

Sincerely,

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