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MEMORANDUM TO: Tony Hsia, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JUNE 10, 2015, MEETING WITH AREVA
TRANSNUCLEAR, INC., TO DISCUSS AMENDMENT NO. 14 TO
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NO. 1004, FOR THE STANDARDIZED
NUHOMS® HORIZONTAL MODULAR STORAGE SYSTEM

On June 10, 2015, staff from the Division of Spent Fuel Management held a public meeting with representatives from AREVA TN (AREVA) at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters in Rockville, MD. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss AREVA's application for Amendment No. 14 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1004 for the Standardized NUHOMS Horizontal Modular Storage System, which was submitted on April 16, 2015. No regulatory decisions were made nor requested at this meeting.

During its presentation, AREVA discussed in detail the scope of the changes to the certificate of compliance requested in its application. The scope of the amendment application includes revisions to the acceptance testing methods for neutron absorber materials; improvement to the fuel qualification tables; the addition of new heat load zone configurations, failed fuel canisters in the 32PTH1 canister, and poison rod assemblies in the 37PTH canister; and general improvements to the technical specification for the storage system. The amendment application also requests the approval for storage of up to 61 damaged fuel assemblies in the 61BTH canister.

During the discussions, NRC staff asked questions related to the technical details of the application and, where necessary, discussed relevant guidance and regulatory requirements, and provided clarification to the applicant of the staff's expectations for the safety analyses. Specifically, the staff sought additional details of AREVA's proposed alternative method for acceptance testing of neutron absorber materials. AREVA's application seeks approval of a volumetric testing method for the measurement of boron carbide content in metal matrix composite materials, in lieu of the neutron transmission testing method currently used by the applicant. AREVA explained that approval of the alternative method is necessary to reduce the supply chain risks arising from the temporary shutdown of the current neutron transmission facility. The Breazeale Reactor at Pennsylvania State University currently performs all neutron

transmission testing of neutron absorber materials for AREVA. The staff sought more technical details of the volumetric testing method proposed by the applicant, and its proposed process to qualify this new method against neutron transmission testing.

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The meeting slides (Enclosure 2) and attendance list (Enclosure 1) are enclosed.

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ENCLOSURE 2: AREVA TN SLIDES
“CoC 1004 Amendment 14, Post-Application Submittal Meeting”
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