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Request for Review and Approval of ANP-10337P, "PWR Fuel Assembly Structural Response to Externally Applied Dynamic Excitations"

AREVA Inc. (AREVA) requests the NRC's review and approval of topical report ANP-10337P, "PWR Fuel Assembly Structural Response to Externally Applied Dynamic Excitations" for referencing in licensing actions.

This topical report is part of AREVA's response to NRC Information Notice 2012-09 "Irradiation Effects on Fuel Assembly Spacer Grid Crush Strength." This information notice states that the NRC guidance in Standard Review Plan Section 4.2 assumes that the spacer grid strength is limiting at beginning of life, while recent operating experience indicates that the spacer grid strength may decrease with irradiation. The topical report addresses the potential decrease of spacer grid strength with irradiation.

In support of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation's prioritization efforts, the Topical Report Prioritization Scheme is included as an enclosure with this letter.


AREVA would appreciate the NRC approval of this topical report by August 31, 2017.

AREVA considers some of the material contained in the enclosed document to be proprietary. As required by 10 CFR 2.390(b), an affidavit is enclosed to support the withholding of the information from public disclosure. A proprietary version and a non-proprietary version of the report are enclosed.

There are no commitments contained within this letter, or its enclosures.

If you have any questions related to this information, please contact Ms. Gayle F. Elliott, Product Licensing Manager, by telephone at (434) 832-3347, or by e-mail at Gayle.Elliott@areva.com.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. ANP-10337P Topical Report Prioritization Scheme
2. ANP-10337P, "PWR Fuel Assembly Structural Response to Externally Applied Dynamic Excitations" (Proprietary)
3. ANP-10337NP, "PWR Fuel Assembly Structural Response to Externally Applied Dynamic Excitations" (Non-Proprietary)
4. Notarized Affidavit

TR Prioritization Scheme			
Title: ANP-10337P Revision 0, "PWR Fuel Assembly Structural Response to Externally Applied Dynamic Excitations"			
Expect submitting FY	TAC	PM	Today's Date:
Technical Review Division(s)		Technical Review Branch(s)	
Factors	Select the Criteria That the TR satisfies	Points can be Assigned for Each Criteria	Assigned Points
TR Classification (Select one only)	Resolve Generic Safety Issue (GSI)	6	3
	Emergent NRC Technical Issue	3	
	New technology improves safety	2	
	TR Revision reflecting current requirements or analytical methods.	2	
	Standard TR	1	
TR Applicability (Select one only)	Potential industry-wide applications	3	2
	Potentially applicable to entire groups of licensees.	2	
	Intended for only partial groups of licensees.	1	
TR Implementation Certainty (Select one only)	Industry-wide Implementation expected	3	0
	Expected implementation by an entire group of licensees (BWROG, PWROG, BWRVIP, etc.) who sponsored the TR.	2	
	Docketed intent by U.S. plant(s) but no formal LAR schedule yet	1	
	No US plants have indicated strong intent on docket to implement yet.	0	
Tie to a LAR (Select if applicable)	A SE is requested by a certain date (less than two years) to support a licensing activity or renewal date (note it in Comments)	3	0
Review Progress (Points are cumulative as applicable)	Accepted for review	0.3	
	RAI issued	0.5	
	RAI responded	1.2	
	SE Drafted	2.0	
Management (LT/ET) discretion adjustment		-3 to +3	
Total Points (Add the total points from each factor and total here):			
Comments: This topical report addresses issues raised in NRC Information Notice 2012-09.			

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
) ss.
CITY OF LYNCHBURG)

1. My name is Nathan E. Hottle. I am Manager, Product Licensing, for AREVA Inc. (AREVA) and as such I am authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. I am familiar with the criteria applied by AREVA to determine whether certain AREVA information is proprietary. I am familiar with the policies established by AREVA to ensure the proper application of these criteria.

3. I am familiar with the AREVA information contained in the following document: "ANP-10337P Revision 0, PWR Fuel Assembly Structural Response to Externally Applied Dynamic Excitations," referred to herein as "Document." Information contained in this Document has been classified by AREVA as proprietary in accordance with the policies established by AREVA Inc. for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

4. This Document contains information of a proprietary and confidential nature and is of the type customarily held in confidence by AREVA and not made available to the public. Based on my experience, I am aware that other companies regard information of the kind contained in this Document as proprietary and confidential.

5. This Document has been made available to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in confidence with the request that the information contained in this Document be withheld from public disclosure. The request for withholding of proprietary information is made in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390. The information for which withholding from disclosure is

requested qualifies under 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) "Trade secrets and commercial or financial information."

6. The following criteria are customarily applied by AREVA to determine whether information should be classified as proprietary:

- (a) The information reveals details of AREVA's research and development plans and programs or their results.
- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 information in this Document is considered proprietary for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 6(c) and 6(d) above.

7. In accordance with AREVA's policies governing the protection and control of information, proprietary information contained in this Document has been made available, on a limited basis, to others outside AREVA only as required and under suitable agreement providing for nondisclosure and limited use of the information.

8. AREVA policy requires that proprietary information be kept in a secured file or area and distributed on a need-to-know basis.

9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge,
information, and belief.

Matthew E. Hobb

SUBSCRIBED before me this 28th
day of August, 2015.

Ella Carr-Payne

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NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 08/31/2017
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