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Attn: Soly I. Soto, Project Manager  
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Dear Ms. Soto:

**Subject: Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) on AREVA Inc.'s  
(AREVA's) Richland Site Decommissioning Funding Plan (TAC No. L33364)**

- Ref. 1. Letter, TJ Tate to US Nuclear Regulatory Commission; "Triennial Update to Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) for the AREVA Inc. Richland Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Facility (License No. SNM-1227, Docket 70-1257)", January 29, 2015.
- Ref. 2. Letter, Soly I. Soto to TJ Tate; "Request for Additional Information Regarding AREVA Inc.'s Decommissioning Funding Plan (Technical Assignment Control No. L33364); September 3, 2015.
- Ref. 3. Letter, TJ Tate to US Nuclear Regulatory Commission; "Supplemental Information Relative to Decommissioning Impact of Requested Possession Limit Increase; AREVA Inc. Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility; License No. SNM-1227; Docket 70-1257;" December 30, 2014.
- Ref. 4. Letter, Robert K. Johnson to TJ Tate; "AREVA Inc. – Amendment to License SNM-1227; Application for Increased U-235 Possession Limit for the AREVA Inc. Richland Fuel Fabrication Facility (Technical Assignment Control Number L33347);" May 14, 2015.

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Ref. 5. Letter, RE Link to US Nuclear Regulatory Commission; "Submittal of Revised Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) Relative to NRC Decommissioning Planning Rule;" December 14, 2012.

Via Reference 1 AREVA submitted its triennial update to its DFP and associated decommissioning cost estimate. Via Reference 2 the NRC conveyed a Request for Additional Information (RAI) relative to AREVA's submittal. The purpose of this correspondence is to convey AREVA's responses to the NRC's Reference 2 RAI. The attachment to this letter includes the NRC's RAI in its entirety. AREVA's responses to the four individual RAI's and the single Other Issue have been inserted at the appropriate locations within the text of the RAI.

AREVA will await the NRC's review of these RAI responses. When the NRC indicates that all issues related to the DFP and associated cost estimate have been fully resolved, AREVA will revise the DFP accordingly, including all changes proposed in its RAI responses. At that time AREVA will also initiate the interactive process to update its financial assurance instruments to reflect the revised cost estimate. The fully executed instruments will be incorporated into the revised DFP for submittal to the NRC.

We appreciate the NRC's review of these RAI responses. Please feel free to contact me at 509-375-8550 if you have questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,



T. J. Tate, Manager  
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