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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION EVALUATION OF "MIXED OXIDE PROJECT QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN (MPQAP)," AMENDMENT NUMBER MPQAP-2015-0002, DATED MAY 11, 2015, AS REVISED, FOR THE MIXED OXIDE FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY

Dear Mr. Gwyn:

On May 11, 2015, CB&I AREVA MOX Services (MOX Services) submitted Amendment Number: MPQAP-2015-0002 of the MPQAP to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review and approval in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Paragraph 70.23(b). In Amendment Number MPQAP-2015-0002, MOX Services proposed revising the MPQAP to, among other things, reduce the required documentation for commercial grade items from suppliers who receive independent accreditation from Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM). The revision was supplemented by a letter dated December 2, 2015.

As stated in the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report, the NRC staff has reviewed the changes requested by MOX Services in Amendment MPQAP-2015-0002 and supporting documentation and finds them not acceptable.

The NRC staff determined that the controls previously approved by NRC in Revision 11, Change 3, to the MPQAP are already graded for procurement of commercial grade items directly from suppliers based on independent accreditation from UL or FM. By reducing the documentation requirements further: (1) procurement documents would not continue to specify appropriate documentation requirements which are necessary to assure adequate quality of QL-1LR items and services; (2) MOX Services would not continue to document the applicable elements inherent to the commercial grade dedication process for the dedication of commercial grade items to be used as QL-1LR items; (3) the graded quality assurance program would not include review of all necessary supplier furnished documentation by MOX Services as part of bid/supplier selection and receipt inspection necessary for commercial grade dedication; and (4) auditable records for the dedication process would not be maintained.

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