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Gentlemen:

**Subject:** Revised Triennial Update to Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) for the AREVA Inc. Richland Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Facility (License No. SNM-1227; Docket No. 70-1257)

Ref. 1. Letter, T. J. Tate to USNRC Document Control Desk; "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 T. J. Tate; "Request for Additional Information Regarding AREVA Inc.'s Decommissioning Funding Plan (Technical Assignment Control No. L33364); September 3, 2015.

Ref. 3. Letter, T. J. Tate to Soly I. Soto; "Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) on AREVA Inc.'s (AREVA's) Richland Site Decommissioning Funding Plan (TAC L33364)"; September 30, 2015.

Ref. 4. Conference Call Summary Between NRC and AREVA Inc. Regarding Decommissioning Funding Plan; April 5, 2016; ADAMS No. ML16118A465.

Via Reference 1 AREVA conveyed to the NRC its triennial update to its decommissioning funding plan (DFP) for the Richland fuel fabrication facility. Reference 2 conveyed NRC Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) to which AREVA

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responded via Reference 3. Residual NRC questions/issues related to AREVA's Reference 3 RAI responses were discussed via a telecom with the NRC on April 5, 2016; the results of that tele-conference were docketed by the NRC via Reference 4.

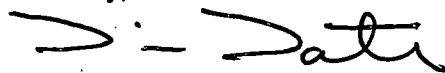
Based on the correspondence listed above as References 1-4 and ensuing informal discussions, AREVA is now submitting a revised triennial DFP update, enclosed. This revision incorporates changes to which AREVA committed in its Reference 3 RAI response plus additional revisions subsequently agreed upon to address residual NRC issues concerning AREVA's response to RAI No. 1 (as discussed in Reference 4). The changes include a \$945K increase in the decommissioning cost estimate to address the dispositioning of certain portions of the site's stored uranium hexafluoride (UF<sub>6</sub>) inventory.

The Nature of Changes listing for the DFP has been updated to reflect changes to the DFP version originally submitted via Reference 1. To assist in the NRC's review, the yellow highlighting in the body of the document has been retained to denote the original triennial DFP update revisions conveyed via Reference 1. Subsequent revisions incorporated over the course of the RAI process have been highlighted in blue.

Please note that the financial assurance instruments (Exhibits 1 and 2) have not been revised to reflect the new cost estimate total. Consistent with our last DFP update, AREVA will await word from the NRC that the DFP and associated cost estimate are acceptable, at which time we will initiate the process to update the Letter of Credit and Standby Trust Agreement. Once those instruments have been revised and appropriately approved, AREVA will submit a final version of the DFP to the NRC, including the finalized financial assurance documents.

We appreciate the NRC's timely review of this submittal so as to allow AREVA to pursue revision of the financial assurance documents. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 509-375-8550.

Sincerely,



T. J. Tate, Manager  
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