

March 9, 2017

Mr. Timothy J. Tate
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SUBJECT: AREVA INC. – DESIGN INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE REVISION

Dear Mr. Tate:

This letter concerns the status of the AREVA Richland, Washington facility (License Number SNM-1227, International Atomic Energy Agency [IAEA] Facility Code UYUD) as a selected facility for international safeguards under the United States agreement with the IAEA. In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 75.10, each selected facility is required to submit facility information to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The process for providing such information is completion of an IAEA Design Information Questionnaire (DIQ). The DIQ for the AREVA Richland facility, as described in Code 2.2 of the UYUD Transitional Facility Attachment (TFA), has not been updated since May 1, 1986. The NRC therefore requests that AREVA Inc. submit a revision of the UYUD DIQ to provide current facility information, including any changes in the facility that may have occurred since the DIQ was last updated.

The NRC staff discussed this revision request with your staff most recently by telephone on February 23, 2017, and agreed on a schedule for the DIQ revision. As agreed, the NRC staff expects that the UYUD DIQ revision will be submitted for the NRC approval by November 30, 2017. The staffs also agreed that AREVA Inc. would submit an initial draft revision by July 30, 2017, and a working draft revision by September 22, 2017, for the NRC staff's preliminary review. These two drafts are intended to make the approval process more efficient and to minimize the need for requests of additional information at the final stage. In addition, the NRC staff recommends monthly calls to facilitate communication between all parties to ensure that answers to the questions of the UYUD DIQ are consistent with the NRC and the IAEA expectations for similar facilities operated under an equivalent comprehensive safeguards agreement. The NRC staff appreciates AREVA Inc.'s efforts in completing this revision.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact Eduardo Sastre at (301) 415-3161, or via e-mail at Eduardo.Sastre@nrc.gov or David Hanks at David.Hanks@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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