

September 11, 2017

Mr. Gary Peters, Director  
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
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SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION FOR AREVA INC. TOPICAL REPORT  
BAW-10179P, REVISION 9, "SAFETY CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY FOR  
ACCEPTABLE CYCLE RELOAD ANALYSES" (CAC NO. MF8167)

Dear Mr. Peters:

By letter dated April 15, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16106A285), AREVA Inc. (AREVA) submitted Topical Report (TR) BAW-10179P, Revision 9, "Safety Criteria and Methodology for Acceptable Cycle Reload Analyses," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review and approval. Enclosed for AREVA review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft safety evaluation (SE) for the TR.

Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), we have determined that the enclosed draft SE may contain proprietary information. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. Twenty working days are provided for you to comment on the proprietary aspects and provide any factual errors or clarity concerns contained in the draft SE. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft SE will be discussed in the final SE.

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To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments, please provide a marked-up copy of the draft SE showing proposed changes and provide a summary table of the proposed changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan G. Rowley at 301-415-4053.

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Project No. 728

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