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SUBJECT: LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW (LPR) OF LICENSED ACTIVITIES FOR  
AREVA NP LYNCHBURG FACILITY DOCKET NUMBER 70-1201

Dear Mr. Grandemange:

The NRC Region II and Headquarters staffs completed a review of the Lynchburg Facility inspection results and performance in conducting NRC licensed activities. The review covered the period May 02, 2004 through April 21, 2006. AREVA's performance was evaluated in the following areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, and Special Topics. This letter provides to you the results of our review, and will be used as a basis for establishing the NRC oversight program for your conduct of licensed activities during the next 24 months.

The review showed that AREVA NP - Lynchburg continued to conduct its activities safely; protecting public health and safety, and protecting the environment. The current review disclosed similar results as the previous performance review. Based on the current review and your demonstrated performance to continue and operate the facility safely, the NRC will generally conduct inspections at your facility at the minimum level of inspection designated for a Category III fuel assembly facility. Of course, this may change if your work focus significantly changes.

We will discuss the results of our review with you at a meeting open to the public in Lynchburg, Virginia on July 13, 2006. During the meeting, we expect you to discuss your view of your performance in the same major areas as the NRC evaluated.

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D. Grandemange

Please refer questions and comments about our review of AREVA's performance to Mr. David Ayres, who can be reached by telephone at 404-562-4711.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Licensee Performance Review

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LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR AREVA NP-LYNCHBURG  
**ASSESSMENT PERIOD: May 2, 2004 to April 21, 2006**

The following is a summary of the performance of AREVA NP-Lynchburg, in the conduct of NRC licensed activities.

**PERFORMANCE AREA: SAFETY OPERATIONS**

This area is comprised of chemical safety, nuclear criticality safety (NCS), plant operations, and fire safety.

**Program Areas Needing Improvement**

- No specific areas needing improvement were identified in safety operations.

**PERFORMANCE AREA: RADIOLOGICAL CONTROLS**

This area is comprised of radiation protection, environmental protection, waste management, and transportation.

**Program Areas Needing Improvement**

- No specific areas needing improvement were identified in radiological controls.

**PERFORMANCE AREA: FACILITY SUPPORT**

This area is comprised of maintenance and surveillance, training, emergency preparedness, and management organization and controls.

**Program Areas Needing Improvement**

- No specific areas needing improvement were identified in facility support.

**PERFORMANCE AREA: SPECIAL TOPICS (LICENSING ACTIVITIES)**

This area is comprised of safety licensing.

**Program Areas Needing Improvement**

- No specific areas needing improvement were identified.

Enclosure